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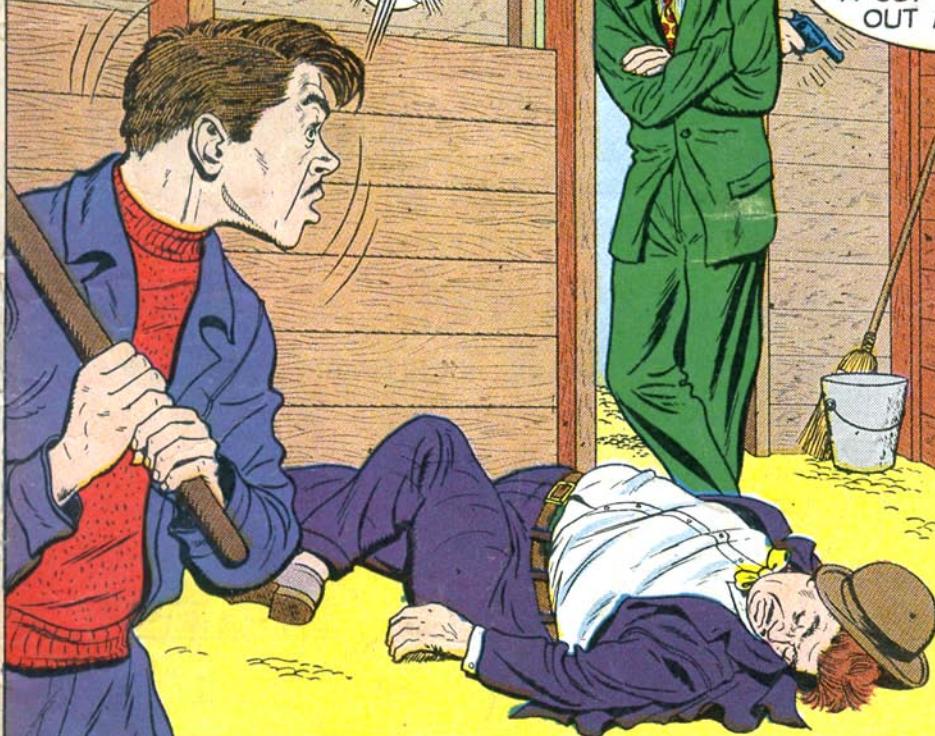
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ERADICATION OF CRIME!

OHHH!

LEV GLEASON, PUBLISHER - CHARLES BIRO AND BOB WOOD, EDITORS

I COULDN'T  
DO BETTER MYSELF,  
TEDDY, BUT YOU PUT  
ME IN A PECULIAR  
POSITION! I SHOULD  
THANK YOU FOR PROMOTIN'  
ME TO THE TOP OF HIS  
MOB, BUT WHAT  
SHOULD I DO ABOUT  
A GUY WHO RUBS  
OUT MY BOSS?

A  
FULL-SIZE  
52 page  
MAG!



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LIKE FAUST, THEODORE DOWNES SOLD HIS SOUL TO SATAN! HE REALIZED TOO LATE THAT THE PRICE  
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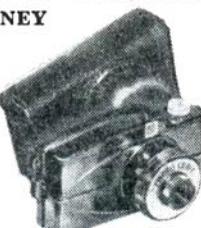
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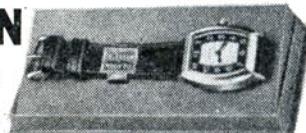
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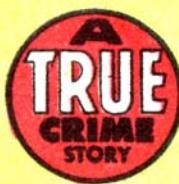
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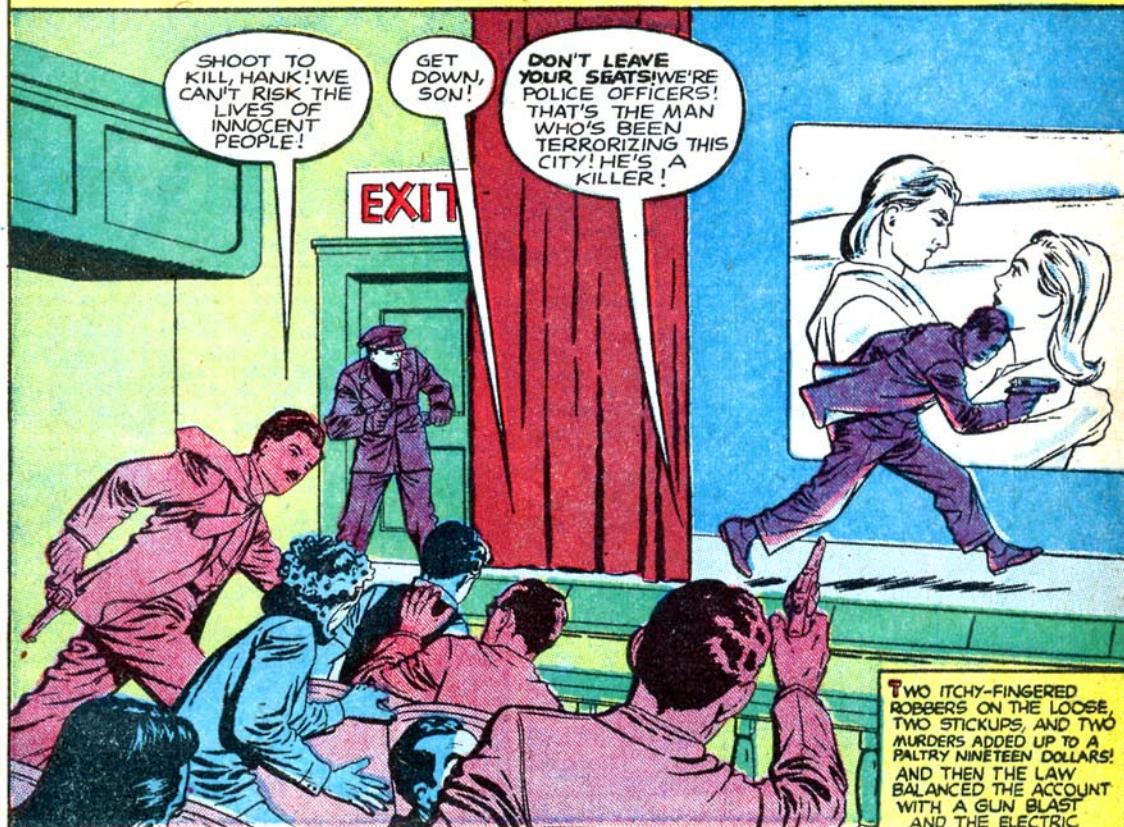
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# TWO WHO SOLD THEIR LIVES FOR \$19!



TWO ITCHY-FINGERED ROBBERS ON THE LOOSE, TWO STICKUPS, AND TWO MURDERS ADDED UP TO A PALTRY NINETEEN DOLLARS! AND THEN THE LAW BALANCED THE ACCOUNT WITH A GUN BLAST AND THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 13, 1947, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL EASTERN CITY... TWO MEN WERE ON THEIR WAY TO WORK!

NOW THAT IT'S GETTING LIGHT IN THE MORNINGS, I DON'T MIND THIS WALK TO THE FACTORY HALF AS MUCH AS I DID, PAUL! IT'S GOOD TO GET OUT IN THE FRESH AIR BEFORE WORK!

MAYBE, TED, BUT I WISH MY NEW CAR WOULD COME THROUGH! I'D RATHER RIDE THAN WALK ANY TIME!

HEY - DO YOU HEAR THAT?

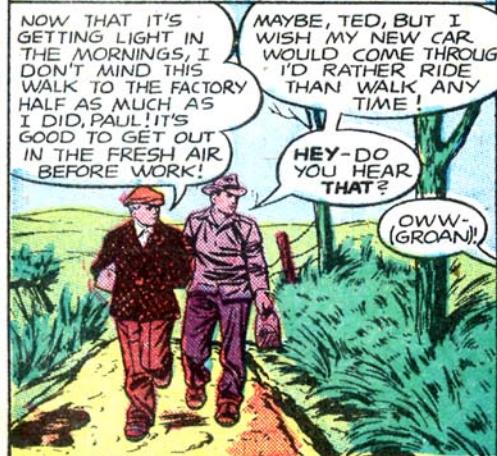
OWW - (GROAN)!!

OWW - OWW - HELP!

THERE IT IS AGAIN! IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY'S HURT!

IT'S COMING FROM OVER THERE! COME ON, LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

OVER HERE, TED! IT'S A GUY AND HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HURT BAD!



# OBEDIENCE THE LAW

THERE'S A BULLET HOLE IN HIS CHEST! MAYBE HE WAS HUNTING AND ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF!

THEN WHERE'S THE GUN? AN' BESIDES, THE HUNTING SEASON IS OVER!

NO...NOT HUNTING... I WAS... ROBBED...

THE POOR GUY IS DEAD! WHAT'LL WE DO?

HE WAS MURDERED! YOU STAY WITH HIM! I'M GOING TO GET THE SHERIFF!

HI, PAUL, WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST!

I GOTTA TELEPHONE THE SHERIFF! THERE'S A MURDERED MAN IN THE WOODS! GET ME TO THE FACTORY - QUICK!



YOU'LL ALL HAVE TO GET BACK ON THE ROAD! WE DON'T WANT ANY CLUES MESSED UP AROUND HERE!

HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK TWICE! I'D SAY, BY A .45!

THOSE FOOTPRINTS HE MADE IN THE SOFT GROUND INDICATE THAT HE WAS WALKING INTO THE WOODS WHEN HE WAS SHOT!



THERE'S NO IDENTIFICATION ON HIM - NO WALLET! JUST THIS LITTLE BOOK!

IT LOOKS LIKE A MILEAGE RECORD OF SOME KIND, LIKE A CAB DRIVER WOULD KEEP! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT IT BEING A .45 THAT DID THE JOB! I JUST FOUND THIS CASING!

WE HEARD HIM MOANING IN THE BRUSH! HE DIED RIGHT AFTER WE FOUND HIM! ALL HE SAID WAS "I'VE BEEN ROBBED!"



I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT BEING A CABBIE'S MILEAGE RECORD! CHECK ALL THE CAB COMPANIES IN TOWN! SEE IF ANY OF THEIR DRIVERS ARE MISSING AND TRY TO GET AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE VICTIM RIGHT AWAY!

YES, DEPUTY, ONE OF MY DRIVERS, CHRIS NORTON, IS MISSING! I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE 5:45 THIS MORNING! THAT'S WHEN HE CALLED IN TO SAY HE WAS TAKING A TRIP TO DREAM LAKE! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK LONG AGO!

DREAM LAKE - THAT'S ABOUT TEN MILES BEYOND WHERE WE FOUND A MURDERED MAN, AND I HAVE A HUNCH HE'S YOUR MISSING DRIVER! YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN TO THE MORGUE AND SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY HIM!

THAT'S HIM! THAT'S CHRIS NORTON! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM! ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP US GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!



# OBEY THE LAW

WELL, CHRIS NORTON STARTED TO DRIVE FOR ME ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT HIS INCOME AS A TEACHER! HE'S GOT FOUR SMALL KIDS AND NEEDED THE EXTRA MONEY! HE WAS A NICE CHAP AND FRIENDLY TO EVERYONE! HE WAS NEVER IN ANY TROUBLE THAT I KNOW OF!

THANKS, MOORE! YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL!

WHILE YOU'RE HERE, HANK, YOU CAN SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF CALLING THE SHERIFF! MY AUTOPSY SHOWED THAT NORTON WAS BADLY WOUNDED BY TWO .45'S THROUGH THE CHEST—SHOCK AND LOSS OF BLOOD DID THE REST! MY GUESS IS THAT HE GOT IT ABOUT A HALF HOUR BEFORE HE WAS FOUND!

THANKS, DOC!

IF NORTON CHECKED OUT OF THE TRAIN TERMINAL AT 5:45 A.M. AND WAS FOUND DEAD AT 6:30! HE MUST HAVE BEEN SHOT ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES OR SO AFTER LEAVING! THAT MEANS WHOEVER HIS LAST FARE WAS, EVIDENTLY BUMPED HIM OFF!

AND SINCE THE CAB IS GONE, THE KILLER MUST HAVE TAKEN IT TO ESCAPE IN! LET'S CHECK WITH THE TERMINAL AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT!



COME TO THINK OF IT, I DID SEE NORTON ABOUT 5:30! HE WAS SITTIN' IN HIS CAB WAITIN' FOR A FARE! DEX LERNER CAME UP AND ASKED HIM FOR A HANDOUT BUT CHRIS REFUSED HIM, AND HE WENT AWAY!

LERNER'S AN EX-CABBY BUT HE GOT THE GATE FOR DRINKING ON DUTY! HE HANGS AROUND THE DEPOT AND PICKS UP AN OCCASIONAL TWO BITS FROM THE DRIVERS! YOU CAN USUALLY FIND HIM IN A BAR!

I THINK WE'VE HIT ON SOMETHING HOT! LERNER WAS ONE OF THE LAST MEN NORTON SPOKE TO AND LERNER'S AN EX-CON! HE SERVED FOUR YEARS FOR LARCENY AND HE'S ALWAYS IN TROUBLE!

WE'LL PUT OUT AN ALARM FOR HIM RIGHT AWAY! IF HE HIT OUT IN THE CAB HE STILL HASN'T HAD TIME TO GET OUT OF THE STATE!

HI, SHERIFF! WE SENT OUT THAT PICK-UP ON DEX LERNER LIKE YOU SAID TO! THE MANAGER OF COOPER'S DEPARTMENT STORE IS ON THE PHONE! HE'S BEEN TRYING TO SPEAK TO YOU FOR AN HOUR! HERE!



# OBEY THE LAW

IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT A STRANGER WOULD PICK OUT THAT PARTICULAR PARKING LOT, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN AND SURROUNDED BY TALL BUILDINGS, TO HIDE THE CAB IN!

THAT'S WHY I FEEL SURE NORTON'S LAST PASSENGER WAS SOME LOCAL CHARACTER! ANYHOW, CHECK ON THOSE PRINTS RIGHT AWAY!

HOW ABOUT DEX LERNER? ANY LEADS COME IN YET?

NOTHING YET!

WE'VE CIRCULATED HIS PICTURE ALL OVER THE STATE IN CASE HE LEFT TOWN!



SHERIFF, I'M NICK PALMER, TRUCK DRIVER, FOR SPECIAL DAIRIES! A MAN JUST PULLED A GUN ON ME AT A GARBAGE DUMP ON ELM, NEAR 11TH! HE SAID HE'D GIVE ME FIFTY BUCKS TO DRIVE HIM OUT OF TOWN! HE TALKED PRETTY ROUGH BUT BEAT IT WHEN I SHOWED SOME RESISTANCE!

IT WAS AN ARMY .45, I THINK! HE WAS MEDIUM BUILD, HAD LIGHT HAIR AND WORE SHABBY CLOTHES! HE LIT OUT ACROSS THE DUMP AND DISAPPEARED AFTER I TOLD HIM I WASN'T TAKING HIM ANYWHERE!

HANK, TAKE A CREW AND COVER THAT ELM AND 11TH AREA! DON'T LEAVE A STONE UN- TURNED! I THINK LERNER'S HIDING OUT THERE!

RIGHT AWAY, SHERIFF!

HELLO, STAN! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING HOT! WHAT IS IT?

A CHAP NAMED SPENCER, LIVING OUT NEAR DREAM LAKE CAME ACROSS THIS STUFF HALF A MILE FROM WHERE NORTON'S BODY WAS FOUND! HAVE A LOOK!



IT'S A MAN'S HAT AND JACKET, IN GOOD CONDITION BUT NO IDENTIFICATION MARKS!

DO YOU THINK THEY'RE TIED IN WITH THE NORTON CASE?

MAYBE, AT LEAST, HERE'S HOW I SEE IT! THE KILLER, AFTER LEAVING THE WOUNDED CABBY TO DIE, HEADED BACK TOWARD TOWN! THEN MAYBE HE THOUGHT THE CABBY WOULDN'T DIE, AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE HIM, SO...

HE DISCARDED HIS HAT AND JACKET, THEN HEADED BACK TO TOWN AND DITCHED THE CAB!

THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL! THOSE CLOTHES BOTHER ME—I KNOW I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE!

I'M WITH THE RED CAB COMPANY! CAN I SEE THE SHERIFF?

MY NAME'S GEORGE COOLEY, SHERIFF! I WORK ON THE SAME SHIFT AS NORTON! I SAW SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP YOU! TWO TOUGH GUYS ASKED ME TO TAKE THEM TO DREAM LAKE AT 5:30 THIS A.M. BUT I TURNED THEM DOWN! AS I DROVE AWAY, THEY HEADED TOWARD THE RAILROAD STATION, WHERE NORTON'S STAND IS—I THINK HE MUST'VE TAKEN THEM!



# OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW

WELL, BOTH WERE IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES...HARD-LOOKING GUYS! ONE WAS TALL AND DARK WITH BLACK HAIR! HE WAS WEARING A DARK SUIT! THE OTHER GUY WAS STOCKY, AND HAD A TAN SPORTS JACKET WITH A RED CORDUROY RAIN HAT! SAY, THAT'S THE RED HAT AND JACKET THERE ON YOUR DESK, SHERIFF!

NOW, WE'RE BEGINNING TO GET SOMEWHERE!

PETE, GET THOSE DESCRIPTIONS ON THE AIR IMMEDIATELY!

THE EARLY MORNING QUIET OF POLICE H. Q. WAS ABRUPTLY SHATTERED THE NEXT DAY WHEN THE CITY EXPERIENCED ITS SECOND MURDER IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

HELLO, SHERIFF? I JUST FOUND THE BULLET-RIDDEN BODY OF TIMOTHY WARREN, A FIFTY-FIVE YEAR OLD RETIRED ENGINEER! IT'S IN HIS CAR ON HIGHWAY 34, THREE MILES WEST OF THE TURN-PIKE!

I'LL BE RIGHT OUT WITH THE CORONER!

CURVE



# OBEY THE LAW

WELL, SINCE PALMER DIDN'T RECOGNIZE LERNER AND HIS GUN ISN'T THE MURDER WEAPON, THERE GOES OUR BEST BET!

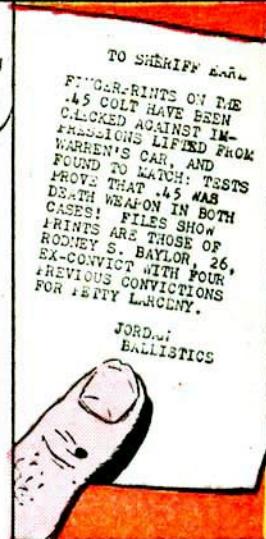
THAT WOULD SEEM TO PIN THE MURDER ON ONE OR BOTH OF THE TWO GUYS WHO TRIED TO HIRE CABS! BALLISTICS PROVED THE SAME GUN WAS USED IN BOTH KILLINGS! IF I ONLY COULD REMEMBER WHERE I'VE SEEN THAT RED HAT!

SHERIFF? THIS IS HANK! BETTER GET BALLISTICS READY! WE LOCATED A SMALL ARSENAL IN A BARN NOT HALF A MILE FROM WHERE WARREN WAS FOUND! IT LOOKS LIKE THE KILLERS SPENT THE NIGHT THERE! OH, YES, WE FOUND A .45 THAT HAS BEEN FIRED RECENTLY!

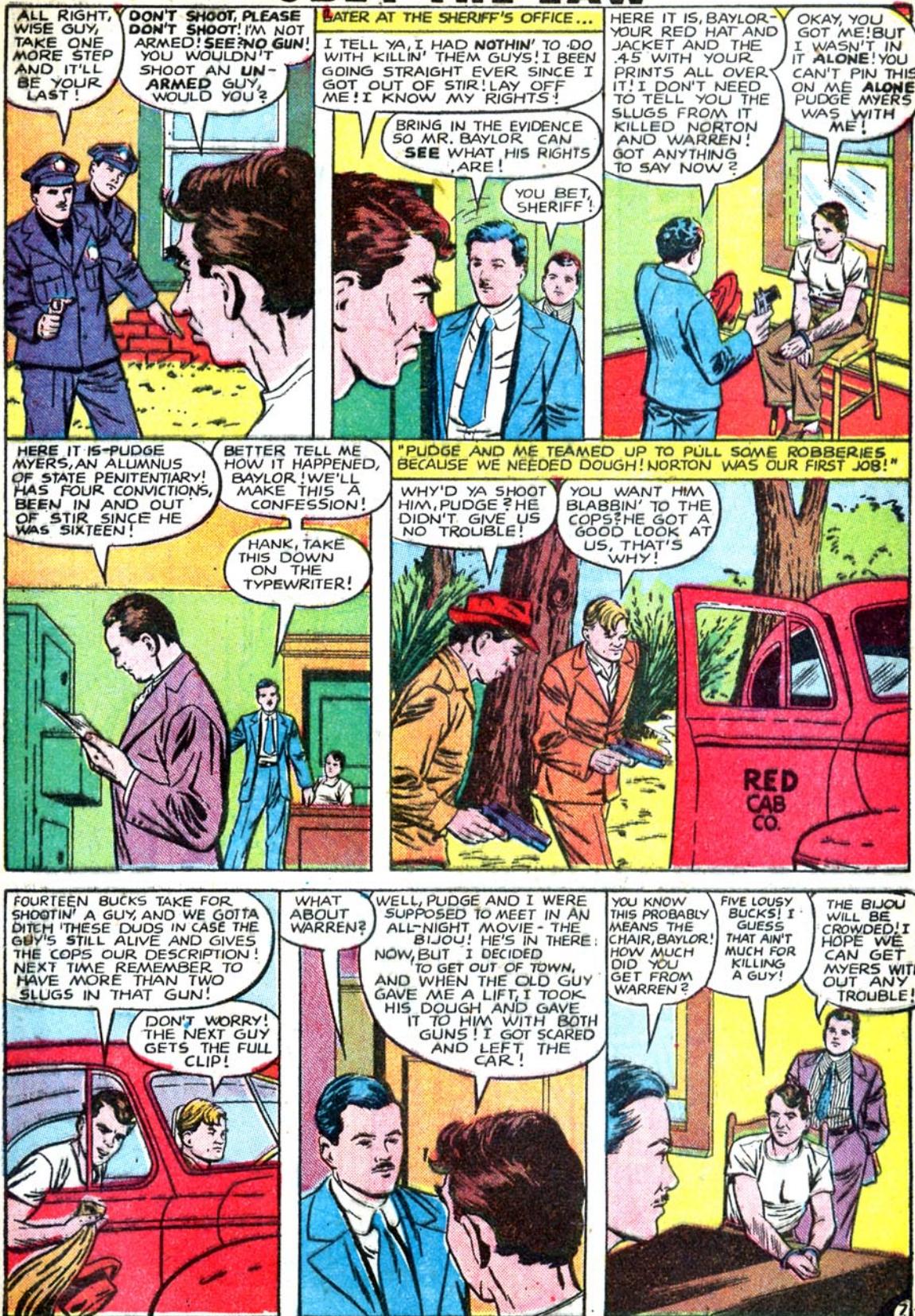
TO SHERIFF EARL

fit-car-prints on the .45 colt have been checked against impressions lifted from warren's car, and found to match! tests prove that .45 was death weapon in both cases! files show prints are those of rodney s. baylor, 26, ex-convict with four previous convictions for petty larceny.

JORD...  
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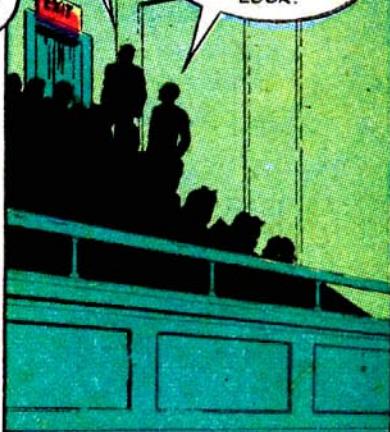
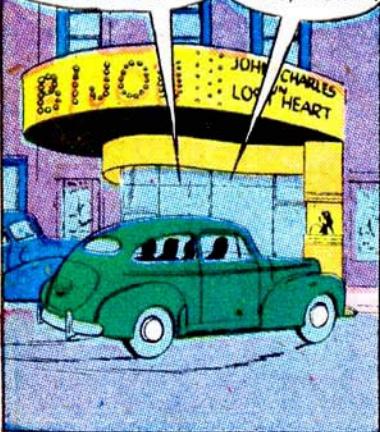
THIS IS CLOSE ENOUGH! WHILE WE'RE COVERING THE FRONT, THE OTHER CARS HAVE SEALED OFF THE ENTIRE BLOCK! EVEN A GHOST COULDN'T GET THROUGH THIS BLOCKADE!

IT WAS A GOOD IDEA HAVING THE MEN CHANGE INTO PLAIN CLOTHES AND USING PRIVATE CARS, SHERIFF!

IT'S ALMOST 1:30! MYERS WENT IN ABOUT 8:00, ACCORDING TO BAYLOR! THAT MEANS HE'S GOING TO SLEEP IN THERE INSTEAD OF RISKING BEING SEEN OUTSIDE! AS MUCH AS I HATE RISKING A GUNFIGHT IN THERE, WE'LL HAVE TO GO INSIDE AND GET HIM! WE GOT A COPY OF THE FLOORPLAN FROM THE MANAGER! HERE'S HOW I'VE PLANNED IT!

I COVERED THE LEFT AISLE! HE'S NOT THERE!

SAME WITH THE RIGHT, SHERIFF! HE WASN'T DOWNSTAIRS EITHER, SO THAT MEANS HE'S GOT TO BE IN THE CENTER OF THE BALCONY! LET'S LOOK!



THAT'S THE THIRD TIME THOSE TWO GUYS SNOOZED BY TRYING TO GET A LOOK AT ME! THEY MUST BE COPS - MAYBE THEY GOT BAYLOR AND HE TALKED! I BETTER BEAT IT WHEN I GET A CHANCE!

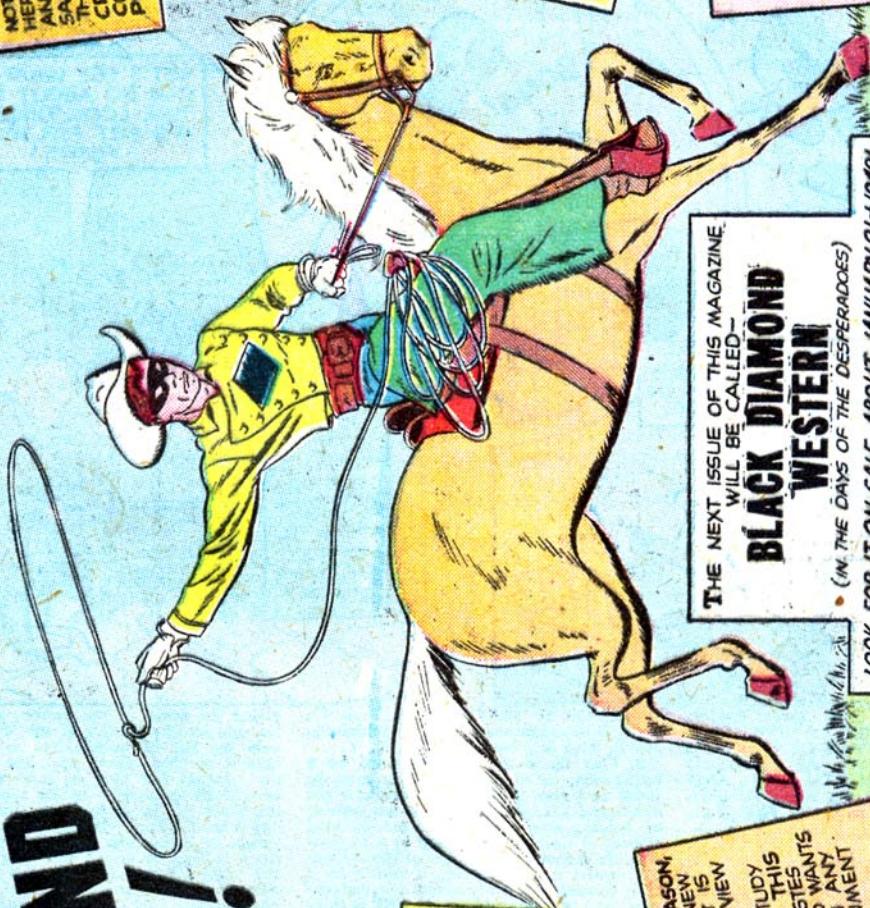


# THE BLACK DIAMOND DIAMONDS' COMING!

THE BLACK DIAMOND IS NOT JUST ANOTHER COMBOY! HE WAS INSPIRED BY THE HERO! HE CONCEIVED WITH THE IMAGINATION AND FIRE AND DAREDEVIL SAME FIRE YOU DAREDEVIL THAT GAVE YOU NOT PAY, BOY THAT DOES NOT PAY AND CRIME AND CRIME AND PUNISHMENT!

WHAT MAKES IN A GREAT SUCCESS IN COMICS AS IN ANY OTHER FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT IS A SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION OF EVERY ELEMENT NECESSARY IN ITS CREATION! THERE MUST BE FIRST A GREAT STORY, IT MUST HAVE GREAT ARTWORK, GREAT ACTING, AND A GREAT CAST OF PERSONALITIES! TOO, SUCH AS OTHER FACTORS: GOOD PRINTING, FAILURE ENGRAVING, ELEMENTS OF ANY OF THE DEGREES CAN LESEN THESE FEATURES. IN THE CASE OF THE BLACK DIAMOND, THIS CREW BATTED ALL ON THOUSAND CREATED HIM!

THE BLACK DIAMOND WILL BE A GREATER FIGHTER, A BETTER SHOT, A FASTER RIDER THAN ANY OTHER HERO THAT HAS RACED YOUR HEART, OR SAT YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT! THESE WESTERN HEROES ALIVE, THEY WOULD ELECT BLACK DIAMOND AS THEIR LEADER, JUST AS YOU WILL!



IT WOULD COST A MOVIE PRODUCER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO SCREEN A STORY OF THIS MAGNITUDE, YET BLACK DIAMOND, AND MANY OTHER STORIES PACKED WITH SUSPENSE, DRAMA AND ACTION IN THIS FULL-SIZE 52 PAGE MAGAZINE, WILL STILL COST ONLY A DIME!

THAT THE GLEASON TEAM CREATES, IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT COMPETITORS VIEW IT AS A GOOD IDEA, BUT THAT COMPETITORS ARE INTERESTED! STUDY THIS FEATURE, AN EVENT OF INTENSE MADE THIS WITH YEARS OF HAVE THE WHO WANT TEN EXPERIENCE TO THE TEAM OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SENSITIVE READER THAN ANY TEAM OF COMIC COMICS THAN ANY TEAM OF ENTERTAINMENT OF MORE OUT OF ENTERTAINMENT! OTHER GIVE HIM!

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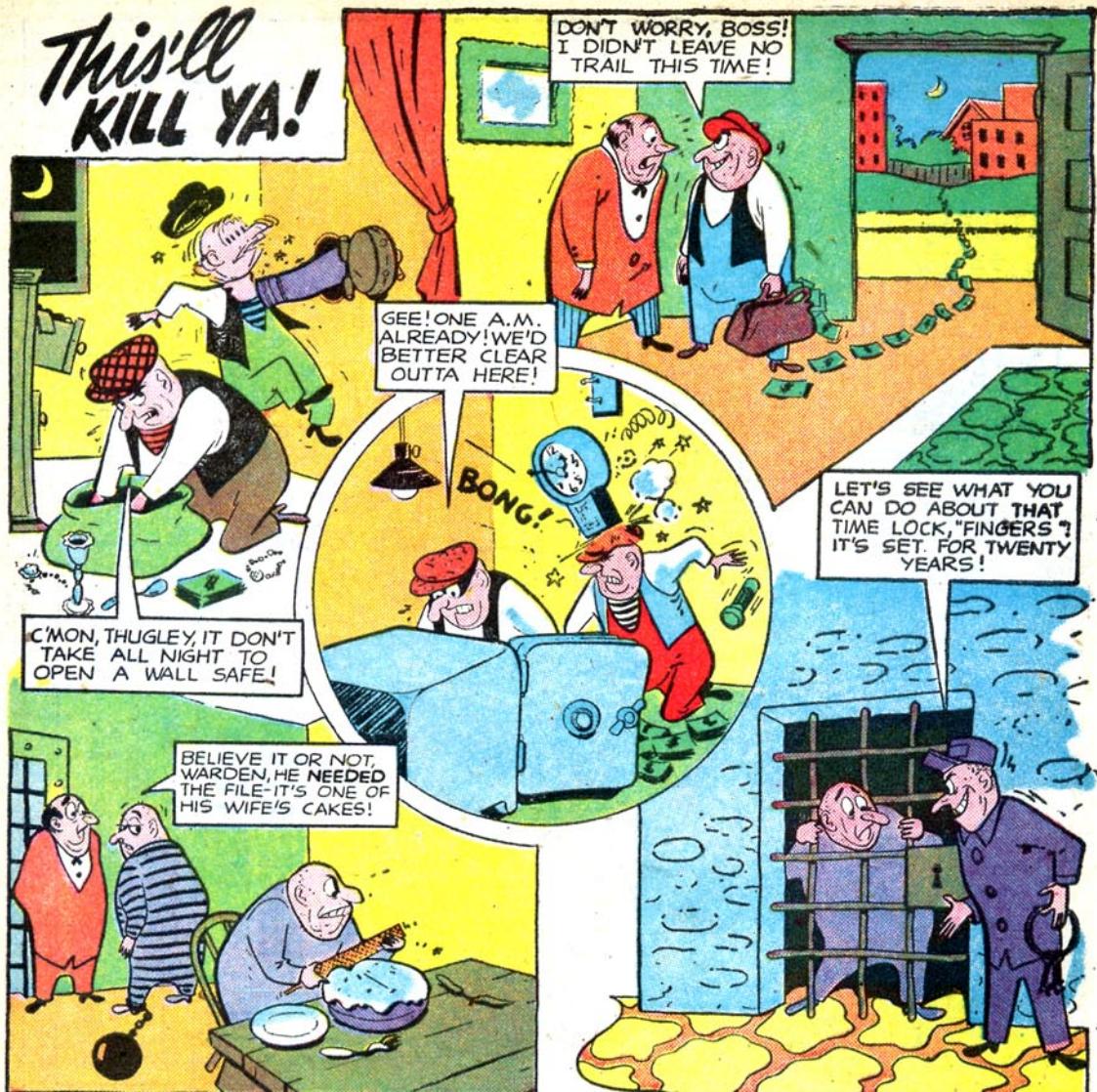
## BLACK DIAMOND

## WESTERN

(IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES)

LOOK FOR IT ON SALE ABOUT JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> / 49!  
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OF BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN, FORMERLY  
DESPERADO!

# This'll KILL YA!



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## ON THE LEVEL

by C.H. MOORE

WHILE A San Francisco, Calif. BUSINESS MAN WAS OUT TO LUNCH — AN "OLD COLLEGE CHUM" STOPPED IN TO SEE HIM! HE OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM THE SECRETARY TO WRITE A NOTE AT THE MAN'S DESK AND, WHILE THERE, POCKETED A WAD OF BLANK CHECKS — THE BUSINESS MAN HAD NO COLLEGE CHUM AND FOUND HIS BANK ACCOUNT HAD DWINDLED MORE THAN \$18,000 —

— ANOTHER RACKET WHICH THE POLICE HAVE SOLVED — WHEN CAUGHT, "COLLEGE CHUMS" ARE PROMISED A REAL EDUCATION IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

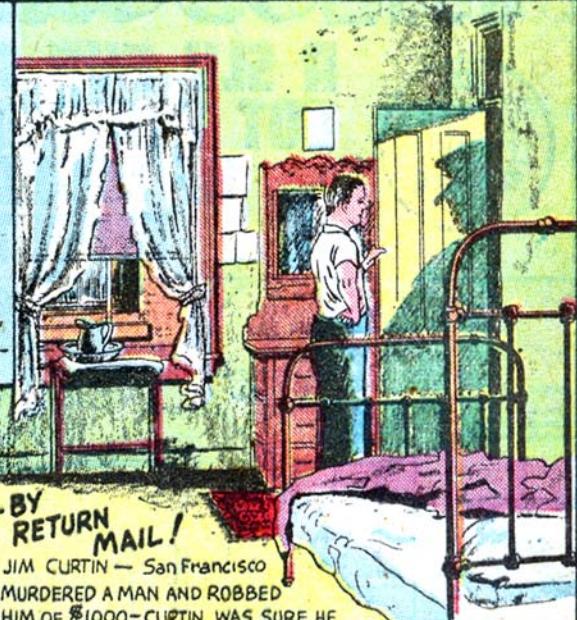


## THE JUDGE USES PSYCHOLOGY!

JUDGE ROBERT SINGERMAN OF INDIANA REQUESTED THAT THE CITIZENS REFRAIN FROM BREAKING THE LAW FOR A FEW DAYS BECAUSE THE BOOK USED TO RECORD COURT CASES WAS FILLED AND IT WOULD BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A NEW BOOK WOULD BE READY!

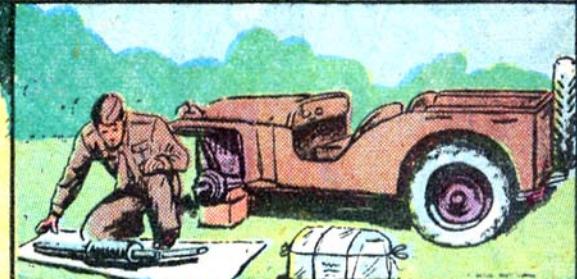


THE FIRST MAN TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WAS WM. KEMMELER WHO WAS ELECTROCUTED IN AUBURN, N.Y. 1890 FOR THE MURDER OF Matilda Ziegler



## -BY RETURN MAIL!

JIM CURTIN — San Francisco MURDERED A MAN AND ROBBED HIM OF \$1000 — CURTIN WAS SURE HE HAD GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT — BUT A FEW HOURS AFTER THE MURDER THE POLICE KNOCKED ON HIS DOOR — TOOK HIM IN FOR QUESTIONING AND GOT A CONFESSION — CURTIN WAS PUZZLED AND ASKED HOW THEY TRACED THE MURDER OF THE STRANGER TO HIM — THE POLICE EXPLAINED THAT THE VICTIM WAS A PROFESSIONAL PICKPOCKET AND HAD TAKEN AN ENVELOPE FROM CURTIN'S POCKET BEFORE THE MURDER — THE ENVELOPE CONTAINED CURTIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS!



A SOLDIER IN GERMANY STOLE AN ARMY JEEP AND HAD MAILED HALF OF IT TO HIS HOME IN THE U.S. BEFORE HE WAS CAUGHT! THE ARMY GIVES SEVERE PENALTIES TO SUCH LAW BREAKERS!

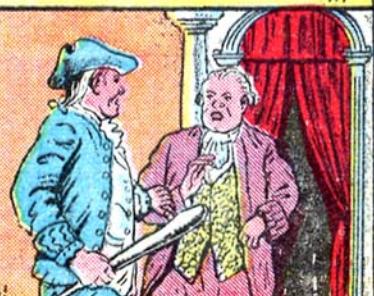
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## LYNCHING

DERIVES ITS NAME FROM CHARLES LYNCH — WHO, DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WENT AROUND KILLING TORIES — TAKING THE LAW IN HIS OWN HANDS AND NOT WAITING FOR OFFICIAL JUSTICE TO TRY THE CONDEMNED!

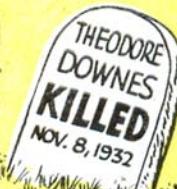
— SINCE 1882 THERE HAVE BEEN 4716 SUCH MURDERS!



DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION OF CRIME

# THEODORE DOWNES

A SLY GYP ARTIST, WHO  
GOT TRAPPED IN A WEB  
OF MURDEROUS  
MOBSTERS!



IS IT MY FAULT  
THAT IT RAINED LAST  
NIGHT AND QUEEN TUT  
ISN'T A MUDDER? IS  
IT MY FAULT THAT I  
BEGGED YOU TO SCRATCH  
ANGEL SKIN...BUT YOU  
WERE TOO DIRTY  
DRUNK TO  
LISTEN?

IT WAS TOO LATE TO  
SCRATCH HER! WE WENT  
THROUGH TOO MUCH  
TROUBLE PLACIN' BETS ALL  
OVER THE COUNTRY! THAT  
RINGER BETTER COME IN  
A WINNER, TEDDY! IT  
BETTER, OR SOMETHIN'  
TERRIBLE IS GOIN' TO  
HAPPEN TO YOU!

SHUT UP  
AN' LISTEN,  
WILL YA?  
THE  
RACE IS  
ON!

AT THE HALFWAY  
MARK, ANGEL  
SKIN IS SIX LENGTHS  
AHEAD OF THE  
NEAREST CHALLENGER AND  
STILL BURNING UP THE  
TRACK IN THE STRETCH!  
NOODLE IS COMING UP  
FAST! ANGEL SKIN IS...WAIT  
A MINUTE—ANGEL SKIN  
SLIPPED! SHE'S SLIDING  
THROUGH THE MUD  
ON HER SIDE!

ANGEL SKIN, OR  
RATHER, THE HORSE  
TEDDY DOWNES RANG  
IN FOR ANGEL SKIN,  
WAS SLIPPING SO HARD  
IT MIGHT COST TEDDY HIS  
LIFE! HIS LUST FOR MONEY  
HAD BROUGHT HIM INTO  
CONTACT WITH MEN WHOSE  
OCCUPATION WAS MURDER!  
NOW, IF TEDDY COULD  
ONLY RING IN SOMEONE  
ELSE TO DIE  
FOR HIM!

IN  
CONSIDERATION  
OF INNOCENT  
PEOPLE INVOLVED AND  
RELATIVES OF CRIMERS,  
THE NAMES OF CHARACTERS  
DEPICTED IN THIS TRUE  
MAGAZINE ARE FICTIONAL.  
ANY SIMILARITY IN NAMES  
OF PEOPLE LIVING OR  
DEAD, IS ENTIRELY  
COINCIDENTAL. THIS IN NO  
WAY AFFECTS THE  
ACCURACY OF THESE  
TRUE STORIES.  
The editors

B. F. J.

**T**HEODORE DOWNES DIDN'T BELIEVE IN  
EARNING AN HONEST DOLLAR! TO HIM,  
IT WAS TOO MUCH LIKE WORK! HE BELIEVED  
THAT CRIME MIXED WITH HIS BRAND OF  
CUNNING COULD BRING A MAN MORE MONEY  
THAN HONEST LABOR! RACE TRACK FIXING  
AND RINGING WERE ART AND PLAY TO TEDDY.  
HOW COULD HE GUESS THAT THEY WOULD  
TURN OUT TO BE BLOOD, TEARS AND  
MURDER?

# OBEDIENCE

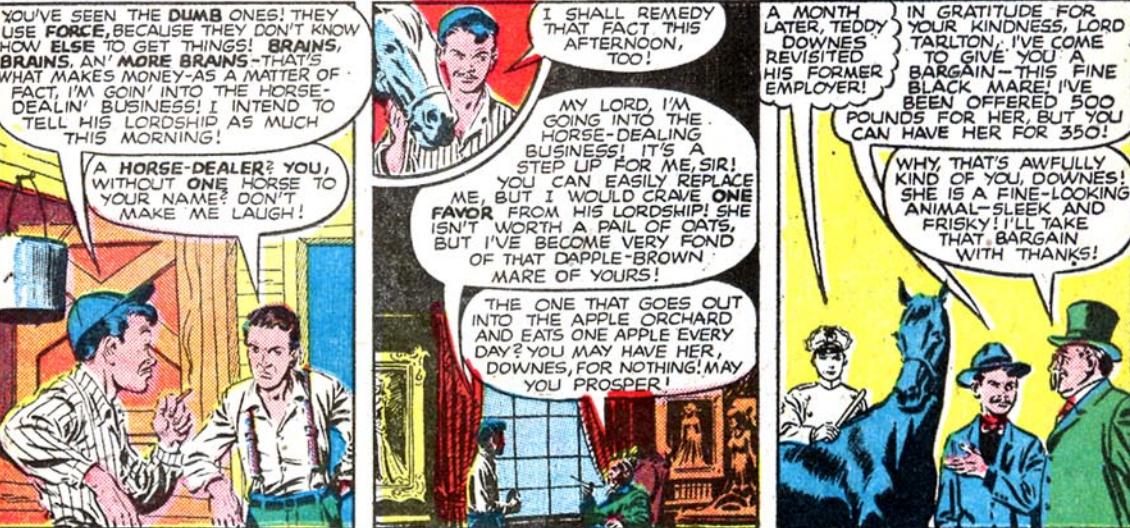
HAD THIS GYP ARTIST BEEN PROPERLY DIRECTED, HE COULD HAVE EARNED A FINE LIVELIHOOD AND LIVED A HAPPY LIFE! UNDERRAETH HIS GENIUS, TEDDY DOWNES WAS DIRTY-DIRTY IN HONOR, DIRTY IN AMBITIONS, DIRTY IN METHODS! IN JUNE, 1923, WHEN HE WAS A RUBBER IN LORD TERRANCE TARLTON'S STABLES, JUST OUTSIDE OF LONDON...

HEY, TEDDY,  
LOOK—THE MARE  
IS GOING OUT TO  
THE ORCHARD  
AGAIN!



YOU'VE SEEN THE DUMB ONES! THEY USE FORCE, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO GET THINGS! BRAINS, BRAINS, AN' MORE BRAINS—THAT'S WHAT MAKES MONEY AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M GOIN' INTO THE HORSE-DEALIN' BUSINESS! I INTEND TO TELL HIS LORDSHIP AS MUCH THIS MORNING!

A HORSE-DEALER? YOU, WITHOUT ONE HORSE TO YOUR NAME? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!



WHAT'S SO EXCITIN' ABOUT THAT? SHE'S BEEN WALKIN' OUT TO THE APPLE ORCHARD, EATIN' ONE APPLE, THEN RETURNIN' TO HER STALL FOR FIVE YEARS! YOU BLOKES MAKE ME SICK!

AW, YOU'VE BEEN GETTING SICK OF EVERYTHING LATELY, DOWNES—GOING AROUND WITH A SOUR FACE, LOOKIN' MAD AT THE WORLD, WITH NEVER A GOOD WORD FOR ANYBODY!



THERE ISN'T ANYTHIN' GOOD TO SAY! WHY SHOULD I BE RUBBING DOWN HIS LORDSHIP'S HORSES? I'M AS GOOD A MAN AS HE IS—AND FOR WHAT? PEANUTS! I'VE GOT AMBITIONS! YOU WON'T FIND ME AROUND HERE MUCH LONGER! I'M AFTER BIG MONEY, MY FRIEND! I'LL GET IT, TOO! THERE ARE WAYS IF YOU'RE CLEVER ENOUGH!

SURE, I'VE SEEN YOUR TYPE BEFORE—DANCING AT THE END OF A LONG ROPE!



A MONTH LATER, TEDDY DOWNES REVISITED HIS FORMER EMPLOYER!

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR KINDNESS, LORD TARLTON, I'VE COME TO GIVE YOU A BARGAIN—THIS FINE BLACK MARE! I'VE BEEN OFFERED 500 POUNDS FOR HER, BUT YOU CAN HAVE HER FOR 350!



# OBEY THE LAW

GO BACK TO LEGITIMATE RACE TRACK WORK, TEDDY! YOU KNOW HORSES BETTER THAN ANY MAN IN ENGLAND! YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON! BAD MONEY IS EASY. COME-EASY GO! GO STRAIGHT WHILE THERE'RE STILL NO BARS AND STONE WALLS AROUND YOU!

THERE, MY DEAR, IS THE MOST PRIZED HORSEFLESH IN ALL ENGLAND! LADY CRAMFORD'S FAMOUS FOUR-IN-HAND TEAM OF MATCHED WHITES!

OH, JOHN DARLING, I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BRING BACK FOUR MATCHED WHITES! TO AMERICA!

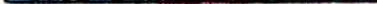
I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING MADAME'S REMARK! YOU SEE, I HAPPEN TO BE A HORSE DEALER! I BELIEVE I COULD SECURE FOUR FINE MATCHED WHITES THAT WOULD RIVAL LADY CRAMFORD'S TEAM! ALL I NEED IS FOUR DAYS TO DRIVE TO EDINBURGH TO GET THEM!

THOSE FOUR GREYS WILL DO! REMEMBER, BEFORE YOU QUOTE A PRICE, ONE HERE IS BLIND, ONE HAS A STIFF LEG, AND ONE HAS A DROPPING EAR! THOSE DEFECTS MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION!

JOHN, ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? HE'S GOING TO GET US FOUR MATCHED WHITES!

THAT'S VERY DECENT OF YOU, SIR! HERE'S MY CARD! WE'RE STOPPING AT THE HOTEL CHETHAM!

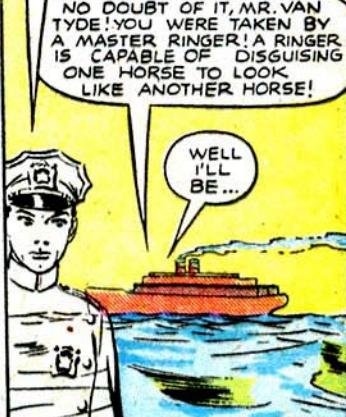
OKAY, MATEY! THEY'RE A GIVE-AWAY AT 100 POUNDS! TAKE THEM!



THIS IS THE WHITE DYE I WANTED... I'LL WALK THE BLIND ONE, KEEP ON THE GOOD EAR TOWARDS THE SUCKERS, LEAVE THE LAME ONE IN THE STALL, AND LET THE SURE-FOOTED ONE ROMP AROUND!

DOWNES, I'M DELIGHTED! THOSE MATCHED WHITES ARE EVERY BIT AS FINE AS LADY CRAMFORDS! THEY'RE WORTH EVERY PENNY OF THE 1500 POUNDS YOU ASK!

OF COURSE THE PURCHASER GOT TO KNOW HOW MUCH OF A STEAL THEY WERE. WHEN IN MID-ATLANTIC, THE FOUR HORSES TURNED "PREMATURELY" GREY!



THE MASTER RINGER WOULD SOMETIMES SHOOT DOPE INTO A HORSE, THEN BET ON IT AT FANCY ODDS!

THEN TEDDY EXTENDED HIMSELF! HE TRIED TO RING IN A WINNING THOROUGHBRED FOR A LOSING PLUG! HE WORKED HARD.. TATTOOED THE HORSE'S MUZZLE, GOT THE BEST DYE HE COULD, CUT THE MANE EXACTLY.. NOT A MASTER-PIECE BY TEDDY'S LATER STANDARDS, BUT STILL A GOOD JOB!

I WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT TEDDY DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS PIECE OF CAMOUFLAGE!

AIN'T YOU A BIT BALMY, BETTING ON SILENT SUSANNA AT THIRTY TO ONE?

IT'S THIS WAY! I HAD A DREAM LAST NIGHT ABOUT A FILLY CALLED SUSANNA! SO I FIGURED BETTIN' ON SILENT SUSANNA MIGHT BE SMART!

HMM... THESE PITS IN HIS LIPS MATCH THE OLD PLUG'S TO A T!

HORSE BARBER, HORSE DOCTOR, HORSE DENTIST- I CAN DO EVERYTHING TO A HORSE BUT MAKE IT TALK!

SAY! THIS ISN'T MY MOUNT! THIS ONE'S TWO HANDS SHORTER! LOOK WHERE MY STIRRUPS REACH!

WHERE'S THE TRAINER? THERE HE IS! YOU! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

WHAT'S THE HURRY, PAL? YOUR BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU!



# OBEY THE LAW

SHE'S A RINGER, MR. TYLOW! AND I KNOW WHO DID IT! DOWNES WAS SEEN RIDING AWAY IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNIN' WITH A TRAILER! NOW WE KNOW WHAT FOR!

YOU IMBECILE! YOU'D HAVE BET ON THIS NAG AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE SHE'D HAVE WON A RACE, BECAUSE SHE WAS SOMEONE ELSE!

I'D RATHER STARVE THAN EARN A DISHONEST DIME ON THE TRACK!

FOR THREE YEARS, DOWNES FRETTERED AND SWEATED IN PRISON, AND WHEN THE DAY CAME FOR HIM TO LEAVE, HE WAS SUMMONED INTO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE...

WE'RE ON TO ALL YOUR DIRTY TRICKS, DOWNES! IF WE GET ONE MORE COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU, YOU'LL LAND IN THE JUG FOR TEN YEARS! SO GO, STRAIGHT! YOU'VE NOTHING TO GAIN BY CROOKEDNESS BUT A PRISON CELL!

I SWEAR, SIR! I'LL NEVER PULL ANOTHER RINGIN' JOB IN ENGLAND!

BUT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT AMERICA...IN A FEW WEEKS HE WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS TO CANADA!

I'M IN THE PAINT SUPPLY RACKET! I HEAR YOU ARE, TOO!

YES, THE BLEACHIN' BUSINESS!

TEDDY SOON FOUND OUT THAT THE CANADIAN POLICE HAD BEEN WARNED ABOUT HIM—SO ONE NIGHT HE TOOK A STROLL ACROSS THE BORDER!



FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, TEDDY WENT STRAIGHT...IN ORDER TO GO CROOKED! HE WANTED TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH AMERICAN RACE TRACKS SO HE TOOK A JOB AS ASSISTANT TRAINER FOR ONE OF THE LARGEST STABLES IN THE EAST!

HE'S A WONDERFUL JUDGE OF HORSE FLESH, THAT DOWNES! I HATE TO LOSE HIM, BUT HE'S SET ON OPENING HIS OWN RIDING ACADEMY IN TWIN CITIES! HE'LL MAKE A SUCCESS OF IT, TOO!

THEY'D FAINT IF THEY KNEW THE ACADEMY IS JUST A FRONT FOR MY RINGIN' EXPERIMENTS!

IF I'M GOING TO MAKE A SUCCESS OUT OF RINGING, THERE CAN'T BE ANY SLIPS! IT'S GOT TO BE THE RIGHT DYES, BLEACHES, AND DENTISTRY! ONE FAILURE AND I'M LICKED! THEY'LL SPOT ME ANYWHERE!

THAT NEW DYE YOU ORDERED FROM FRANCE... IT'S HERE!

YEP! THIS IS THE DYE! THE COLOR RESISTS EVERY TEST...WATER, SWEAT, AND HEAT! THIS STUFF WON'T WEAR OUT FOR SIX WEEKS... AND THEN ONLY IF THEY APPLY DEADLY CHEMICALS TO THE HORSE...AND WHO'S GOIN' TO KILL A HORSE JUST TO FIND OUT IF IT'S A RINGER?



AFTER TEDDY'S DYE EXPERIMENTS CAME BLEACHING EXPERIMENTS! IF SPOTS WERE NECESSARY, TEDDY COULD MAKE A DARK HORSE WHITE IN THE PLACES WHERE THE BLEACH WAS APPLIED...

NOW SUPPOSE I WANT TO

GIVE A STEPPER TWO WHITE DOTS ON ITS NECK AND A WHITE BAND AROUND ONE ANKLE—YOU APPLY THE CHEMICAL LIKE THIS!

AMAZING! THE GUY'S A REGULAR MICHAELANGELO!



...BUT THERE WAS MORE TO RINGING THAN DUPLICATING COLOR AND SPOTS! AS MEN HAVE THEIR INDIVIDUALITIES, SO DO HORSES! SUPPOSE THE HORSE YOU ARE COPYING HOLDS HIS TAIL HIGH AND YOUR HORSE HOLDS ITS TAIL LOW...

THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER TRICKS I KNOW!

SUPPOSE I WANT A LOREARED HORSE! I KNOW THE KIND OF OPERATION THAT WILL DROP ONE EAR AND THE EAR WILL HANG DOWN! AND THIS TATTOO NEEDLE WILL REPRODUCE MARKINGS ON A NAG'S LIP!



# OBEY THE LAW

SINCE A HORSE'S AGE CAN BE TOLD FROM THE CONDITION OF ITS TEETH AND GUMS! TEDDY WENT IN FOR HORSE DENTISTRY. HE KNEW HOW TO REMOVE STAINS AND USED CHEMICALS TO GET THE DISCOLORATION HE NEEDED!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER SEEN A HORSE GET HIS TEETH BRUSHED!

LISTEN, I'D BATHE THIS CROWBAIT IN MILK AN' SEND IT TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR THREE TIMES A DAY TO GET THE KIND OF DOUGH I'M AFTER!

FOR PETE'S SAKE, TEDDY! LOOK AT YOUR FINGERNAILS! THEY'RE ALL CRACKED AND TWISTED!

IT'S THE PRICE I PAY FOR EXPERIMENTING WITH ACIDS AND DYES! I COULD WEAR GLOVES! INCIDENTALLY, I'M LEAVING FOR DANTON AT MIDNIGHT! WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS NOW!

TERRY TELLS ME YOU'RE A MASTER RINGER! I'M ALWAYS INTERESTED IN GOOD CRAFTSMEN!

MR. TURINO, I'VE GOT MY EYE ON TWO HORSES, SO ALIKE, YOU'D THINK THEY WERE TWINS! ONE IS A PLATER CALLED ANGEL SKIN WHO NEVER WON A RACE! THE OTHER IS A FILLY CALLED QUEEN TUT WHO RUNS A MILE IN ONE MINUTE, THIRTY SECONDS! I'LL RING IN QUEEN TUT FOR ANGEL SKIN, AND YOU'LL CLEAN UP EVERY TIME QUEEN TUT WINS!



YOU DON'T FLOOR ME WITH THAT TALK! I'M TOP BOOTLEGGER IN THIS DISTRICT! I'M USED TO HEAVY SUGAR!

SURE, TURINO - BUT LOOK HOW YOU HAVE TO STICK YOUR NECK OUT TO GET IT... WITH MOBSTERS AND COPS AFTER YOUR HIDE! IN THIS RINGING JOB YOU DON'T RISK ANYTHING! I JUST WANT TEN PER CENT OF THE PROFITS ON YOUR BETS FOR DOIN' THE RINGIN'! THE REST IS ALL YOURS!



HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE AS GOOD AS YOU SAY, YOU ARE?



DRIVE OUT TO MY STABLE IN TWIN CITIES! SEEING IS BELIEVING!



HERE'S A TYPICAL TEDDY DOWNES JOB! TAKE THIS SORREL, NOTE THE FOREHEAD AND THE MARKINGS ON THE HIND LEGS...

YEAH? SO WHAT ABOUT IT?

I'M GOIN' TO TAKE THIS SORREL OUT AND BRING ANOTHER ONE IN! BE PATIENT, GENTLEMEN... GENIUS MUST HAVE TIME TO WORK!

WITNESS SORREL NUMBER TWO! NOTE IT'S UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE TO NUMBER ONE... THE IDENTICAL MARKINGS ON THE UPPER LIP! I DID THAT, GENTLEMEN! NOTE HOW THE TEETH ARE DISCOLORED IN THE SAME WAY! I DID THAT, TOO!

YEAH? HOW DO WE KNOW THIS AINT THE SAME LIZARD YOU TOOK INSIDE A MINUTE AGO?

OKAY, I'LL BRING IN THE RINGER!



YOU MUGS SATISFIED NOW? GO ON, GUESS WHICH ONE IS THE RINGER!



SAY - THIS IS GOOD! I'M SEEIN' DOUBLE!

HERE'S YOUR FIVE GRAND, DOWNES! BUILD UP A LOUSY RECORD FOR ANGEL SKIN AN' A CLEAN-UP FOR ME!

# OBEDY THE LAW

ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, MISTER? ANGEL SKIN HASN'T FINISHED IN THE MONEY IN HER LIFE! TAKING YOUR \$300 IS LIKE STEALING IT!

IT'S MY MONEY, OLD MAN! IF I WANT TO THROW IT AWAY, THAT'S MY BUSINESS!

SHE'S LIGHTER THAN QUEEN TUT!... I'LL HAVE TO DARKEN A FEW SPOTS!

BEFORE THE ACTUAL KILLING, THERE WAS PRELIMINARY WORK TO BE DONE! ANGEL SKIN HAD TO BE ENTERED IN SEVERAL RACES! THE POORER HER RECORD, THE BETTER FOR TEDDY AND HIS BACKERS!

WHAT A PLOW HORSE! SOON THEY'LL BE TOWIN' HER ACROSS THE FINISH LINE!

EIGHT RACES AND SHE'S COME IN AT A QUARTER PAST FIVE IN ALL OF 'EM!

CAME THE DAY BEFORE THE BIG RACE AT LEHIGH, IN SEPTEMBER, 1926, AND QUEEN TUT WAS HOUSED NEXT TO ANGEL SKIN! TO HAVE CLOSED THE DOOR, WOULD HAVE AROUSED SUSPICION! ONE OF TURINO'S MEN WAS STATIONED OUTSIDE THE STALL WITH A BANJO! WHENEVER A VISITER APPROACHED, HE'D PLAY, 'SHE'LL BE COMING 'ROUND THE MOUNTAIN'.

QUICK, THROW THAT BLANKET OVER QUEEN TUT!

YOU SHOULD GET ULCERS, TEDDY! THIS IS LIKE WORKIN' IN FRONT OF A POLICE STATION!



TERRIFIC! I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT IN MY LIFE! THEY'RE LIKE TWO TOOTHPICKS! TERRY, CALL MY PALS TO GET DOWN ON 'ANGEL SKIN' IN THE THIRD!

BUT DON'T PLUNK DOWN TOO MUCH AT ANY ONE PLACE! THE BOOKIES'LL GET WISE! HERE'S \$100 FOR ME! PUT IT DOWN TOMORROW MORNING! THE ODDS'LL PROBABLY GO UP TO FIFTY TO ONE BY THAT TIME!

OH BOY! WILL THIS BE A KILLIN'! WE'LL MAKE A HALF MILLION LIKE THAT! AN' WE OWE IT ALL TO REMBRANDT... A TOAST TO TEDDY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH TEDDY? HE'S ALL RIGHT!

THE HECK WITH ME! I WISH THE WEATHER WAS ALL RIGHT! IT'S POURIN'! WE'LL HAVE TO SCRATCH ANGEL SKIN! QUEEN TUT IS A LOUSY MUDDER!

QUEEN TUT'LL BEAT ANY HORSE ON THE TRACK SO LONG AS THE TURF IS FAST! THIS RAIN WILL MAKE IT MUDDY AND SLIPPERY! SCRATCH QUEEN TUT, TURINO! CALL THE BET'S OFF BEFORE WE'RE SUNK!

IT'S TOO LATE! THE MONEY'S DOWN AND BESIDES, WE WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE PLACING THEM BETS!

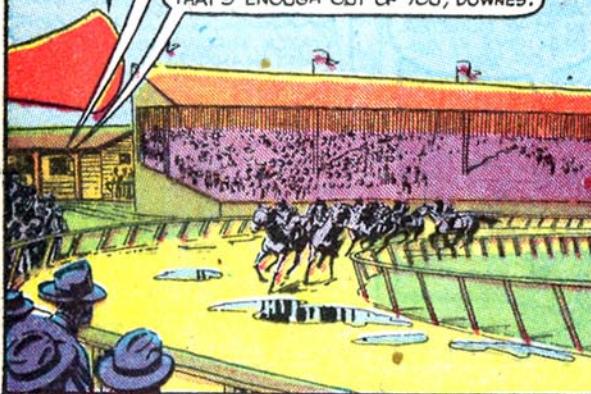


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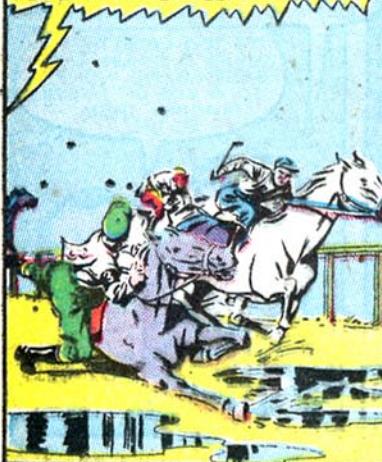
KNOCKNEE AND ORPHEUS THE SECOND ARE IN THE LEAD, BUT ANGEL SKIN IS COMING UP FAST! ANGEL SKIN PASSES THE LEADERS! ANGEL SKIN TAKES THE LEAD! WE ARE LOOKING AT A NEW ANGEL SKIN TODAY!

THAT ANNOUNCER DOESN'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!

THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, DOWNES!



WAIT A MINUTE, FOLKS! — ANGEL SKIN SLIPPED! HER JOCKEY IS TRYING TO GET HER BACK ON HER FEET!



WELL, ANGEL SKIN LOST! SHALL I GIVE IT TO THE CRUMB NOW?

NO, YOU CHUMP! PUT THAT ROD AWAY! THE ODDS ON ANGEL SKIN WERE SO HIGH, WE STILL MADE ENOUGH ON HER COMIN' IN SECOND! IF SHE AIN'T A MUDD RUNNER AN' SHE COPS PLACE, WHAT'LL SHE DO IF SHE RUNS ON DRY GROUND?

SURE, TURINO! SHE'LL BURN UP THE TRACK! YOU'LL WIND UP WITH MORE DOUGH THAN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH!



ORPHEUS THE SECOND PASSES HER! ANGEL SKIN CAN'T GET BACK ON HER FEET! THAT TURN ONTO THE STRETCH IS JUST SOUPY WITH MUDD AND SHE JUST COULDNT KEEP HER FOOTING!

THIS IS IT, REMBRANDT! WHERE DO YOU WANT IT . . . IN THE CHEST OR IN THE HEAD?



ONCE AGAIN, THE GROUND-WORK FOR DECEIT HAD TO BE LAID! THE TRUE ANGEL SKIN WAS SENT OUT TO LOSE RACES WHILE QUEEN TUT TOOK A VACATION! WHEN THE ODDS AGAINST ANGEL SKIN WERE ENOUGH TO MAKE A KILLING, QUEEN TUT RESUMED HER DOUBLE LIFE—THIS TIME IN CUBA!

DRIVE ANGEL SKIN DOWN TO THE CATTLE BOAT DOCKED AT PIER NINE! THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!

YOU'RE SURE, YOU AIN'T SHIPPIN' THE WRONG HORSE? ME . . . I COULDN'T TELL 'EM APART IN A MILLION YEARS!



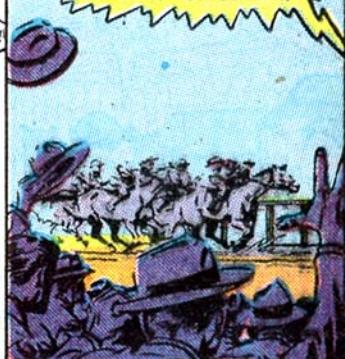
NOW ANGEL SKIN'S INCREASING HER LEAD! WE'RE AT THE HALFWAY MARK AND SHE'S THREE LENGTHS AHEAD OF ORPHEUS THE SECOND! THEY'RE ROUNDING THE TURN!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID QUEEN TUT WASN'T A MUDDER!

SHES ISN'T! THIS IS A MIRACLE! COME ON, QUEEN TUT! COME ON, YOU SWEETHEART! IF SHE ISN'T A MUDDLARK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE IS! SHE'S SWIMMIN' IN MUDD!



THERE SHE GOES AGAIN! ANGEL SKIN IS ON HER FEET AGAIN! SHE'S STREAKING BEHIND KNOCKNEE! SHE PASSES KNOCKNEE! SHE'S TRYING TO CATCH ORPHEUS THE SECOND, BUT THERE'S NO TIME! ORPHEUS RACES ACROSS THE FINISH LINE ONE LENGTH AHEAD OF ANGEL SKIN!



... AND HERE COMES ANGEL SKIN — CHALLENGING THE LEADER! THEY'RE NECK AND NECK! . . . ANGEL SKIN PASSES JUANITA! SHE IS HALF A LENGTH IN FRONT! SHE WINS BY A HALF A LENGTH! ANGEL SKIN, 45 TO 1 . . . WINS THE EL MUNDO HANDICAP! . . .

WE DID IT, TURINO! NOW BACK TO YOUR HOTEL, PACK YOUR BAGS AND START RUNNING... AFTER YOU COLLECT YOUR Winnings, OF COURSE!

RUNNING? WITH ANOTHER CHANCE TO CLEAN UP ON LONG ODDS? YOU'RE CRAZY, TEDDY! WE'RE STAYING IN CUBA!



# OBEY THE LAW

BUT WE CAN'T KEEP MAKING A HORSE A FLIER ONE DAY AND GARBAGE CRATE THE NEXT! THE TRACK OFFICIALS ARE BOUND TO GET SUSPICIOUS! WHAT IF THEY DETAIN US SIX WEEKS? ENOUGH TIME FOR THE DYE ON "ANGEL SKIN" TO WEAR OFF?

TALK ALL YOU WANT, TEDDY! WE'RE STILL STAYING! WHEN CAN WE RACE THAT PIG AGAIN?

P.S. THEY STAYED! THERE WAS ANOTHER RACE! THIS TIME THE ODDS WENT DOWN TO 18 TO 1! STILL ENOUGH FOR A KILLING...AND NIBS TURINO'S SPECIALTY WAS KILLING!

ANGEL SKIN WINS BY FOUR LENGTHS!  
OKAY...THAT DOES IT! LET'S GET BACK TO THE STATES!

SURE! AFTER NEXT WEEK'S HAVANA STAKES!

BUT, THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS! LOOK AT THE WAY THOSE TRACK OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EYEIN' US!

ONLY WITH ENVY, REMBRANDT! LOOK AT THE WAY THE BOYS ARE EYEIN' YOU! NOW, THERE'S REALLY SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT, EH, BOYS!



THREE YEARS IN A BRITISH JAIL WAS A DISCOURAGING REMINDER TO TEDDY! HE AND HIS STOOGE, NICK DOLO, SKIPPED OUT ON TURINO IN HAVANA! THEY CROSSED IN AN OLD FISHING BOAT!

WON'T THOSE WAVES STOP ROLLING?  
I'M SICK... T-TEDDY...



BUT SO DO ALL CROOKS!  
YOU CAN BE CAUGHT IN MANY WAYS, DOWNES! SHALL WE SEE HOW IT WORKS OUT? WHEN TURINO FOUND OUT THAT TEDDY RAN OUT ON HIM, HE LOST NO TIME GETTING BACK TO THE STATES. TURINO'S GOONS SOON LOCATED A TERRIFIED NICK DOLO!



HE'S IN BALTATOWN... YARBY HOTEL... LAYIN' LOW FOR A WHILE... SOB... WHY DIDN'T I GO WITH HIM? SOB... WHY?



# OBEY THE LAW

WELL? HAVE YOU EXAMINED ANGEL SKIN?

YES, THAT CUBAN TIPOFF YOUR DEPARTMENT GOT WAS STRAIGHT! THE HORSE WHO'S RUNNING FOR THE LOGAN PURSE ISN'T ANGEL SKIN ANYMORE THAN I AM!

LET'S SEE THE TRACK OFFICIALS! I WANT THE NAME OF ANGEL SKIN'S OWNER!

THE COPS ARE WISE, NIBS! I'VE JUST SEEN THE OFFICIAL BOARD! ANGEL SKINS BEEN SCRATCHED! FORGETTIN' ABOUT THE LEGAL END OF IT, YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE HUNDRED GRAND YO BET?

I KNOW MORE WHAT'S GOIN' TO HAPPEN TO THAT DOUBLE CROSSER! WAIT HERE! I WANT TO BLOW REMBRANDT'S BRAINS OUT PERSONALLY!

GET OUT AN' WATCH THE PADDock DOOR! I'M TAKIN' OVER!

THERE'LL BE A NEWS ITEM TOMORROW, REMBRANDT, ABOUT A LITTLE GUY WHO WAS FISHED OUT OF THE RIVER SO FULL OF HOLES, THERE WAS LESS OF HIM THAN MORE OF HIM!



MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE THE GUY A PROPOSITION! I SUPPOSE I FIX THE STIFF TO LOOK LIKE A GANG KILLING, WHICH LETS TEDDY DOWNES OFF SCOT FREE! WILL DOWNES WORK FOR ME WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. DOWNES GETS A FREE HAND? I MYSELF THINK TURINO WAS A FOOL TO SQUEEZE THE LAST CENT OUT OF QUEEN TUT!

PETE, IF YOU LET ME HANDLE THE RINGING DEPARTMENT WE'LL BOTH BE ON EASY STREET!



HERE'S MY PLAN! LET'S STAY AWAY FROM RINGING IN BANGTAILS FOR A WHILE! LOTS OF MOBSTERS HAVE BEEN MOVING IN ON SOME RACETRACKS WITH THEIR OWN STABLES! THEY'LL PAY PLENTY FOR SOMEBODY TO FIX RACES FOR THEM! I'LL WORK WITH EVERY BODY AND SPLIT WITH YOU 50-50 AGAINST THE TIME YOU STAKE ME TO A RINGING SET-UP!

AND SO TEDDY LAY LOW... AS MOST CRIMINALS DO... BY TURNING TO LESS OBVIOUS FORMS OF CRIMINALITY! HE HELPED MOBSTER STABLE OWNERS TO JAZZ UP OR SLOW DOWN THEIR OWN HORSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR BETTING NEEDS!

AN OUNCE OF THIS, INJECTED INTO THE AVERAGE RACEHORSE, WILL SLOW HIM UP THREE SECONDS OVER A MILE COURSE! ENOUGH TO GUARANTEE HE'LL WIND UP OUT OF THE MONEY!

YOU WANT THIS PLUG SLOWED DOWN? LET HIM STAND ALL NIGHT WITH A TWO HUNDRED POUND SACK OF OATS ON HIS BACK!

STICK A SPONGE UP HER NOSE BEFORE SHE LEAVES THE PADDock, OR BRAID HER TAIL TOO TIGHT! SHE'LL LOSE FOR SURE!

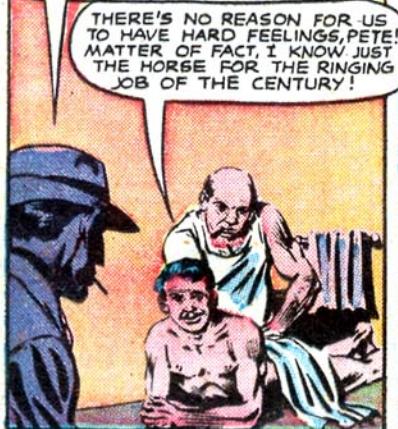
IT'S A DEAL, REMBRANDT! NOW, SCRAM! YOU KNOW WHERE TO CONTACT ME IN CHICAGO! IN A WAY, TURINO'S CROAKING PUTS US ALL IN THE CLEAR! THE COPS'LL HAVE NO CASE WHEN THEY FIND TURINO!



# OBEY THE LAW



YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO, TEDDY! I NEED MONEY FAST! I'VE TAKEN BIG LOSSES IN THE WEST! THE 50-50 WE'VE BEEN SPLITTIN' ISN'T ENOUGH! I GOT DEBTS... EITHER I CANCEL THOSE DEBTS THROUGH A RINGER JOB, OR I CANCEL YOU! WHAT'LL IT BE, TEDDY?



REMEMBER THAT DOG OF A HORSE I SHOWED YOU UP ON MICK'S FARM... THE ONE WE COULD GET FOR \$100? HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR THIS BABY AND THIS ONE CAN STEP! WE MIGHT HAVE TO GO AS HIGH AS TEN GRAND TO GET HER, BUT YOU'LL CLEAN UP A HUNDRED TIMES YOUR ORIGINAL INVESTMENT BEFORE YOU'RE

THROUGH!



ONCE AGAIN, THE MASTER RINGER WENT TO WORK! FOR A MONTH, JERMINIE THE SLOW HORSE EARNED THE CONTEMPT OF RACING FANS BY GIVING A NEW AND INDIVIDUAL MEANING TO THE TERM "SLOW"; THEN TEDDY WENT TO WORK... AND WHERE? IN A MOTOR LORRY TRAVELING FROM ILLINOIS TO NEW YORK! A VERY UNFORTUNATE CHOICE FOR AN "ART" STUDIO, AS IT TURNED OUT!



# OBEY THE LAW

OKAY! YOU WON BIG! THAT ENDS MY OBLIGATION! I'M TAKING AQUA BLEU OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS I CAN AND PASTURE HER! THE JUDGES WON'T SWALLOW ANOTHER FARCE LIKE THIS!

I AIN'T WORRYIN' ABOUT THE JUDGES' APPETITES... ONLY **MINE!** AN' I'M **STILL** HUNGRY FOR DOUGH! I WON ENOUGH TO PAY OFF MY DEBTS! NOW I WANT A BUNDLE FOR **MYSELF!** AN' NO STUBBORN LITTLE RAT WILL STAND IN MY WAY! YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME!



NOW THE REAL JERMINIE IS GOING TO RUN A COUPLE TILL THE ODDS GET ALONG AGAIN! THEN AQUA BLEU STEPS IN FOR ANOTHER KILLING!

I WON'T DO IT! IF I GET CAUGHT, THEY'LL DEPORT ME AN' SLAP ME IN PRISON FOR TEN YEARS!



IT WAS LATE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 8, 1931, WHEN TEDDY DOWNES WALKED DOWN THE STEPS OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WITH A POLICE ESCORT! HE THOUGHT HE WAS EN ROUTE TO A CELL IN THE CITY JAIL... BUT PETE DENVERS HAD ANOTHER DESTINATION FOR TEDDY!



HERE HE COMES! LET THE STOOL PIGEON HAVE IT!

WHAT ABOUT THE COPS?



THIS IS AMAZING, FOLKS! IT PROVES THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN HORSE RACING! JERMINIE, ONCE SCORNED BY TURF CONNOISSEURS, ROMPED TO HER SECOND SUCCESSIVE WIN AT 35-1 ODDS!

OUR NEXT SPOT IS KENDALL PARK ON OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH!

I WON'T DO IT! YOU HEARD THAT SPORTS RESULT BROADCAST! EVERYBODY IS GETTING WISE TO JERMINIE!



LOOKS LIKE TEDDY NEEDS A LITTLE PERSUADIN', BOSS!



SO TEDDY TOOK ANOTHER BEATING BUT THIS TIME SOMETHING BESIDES FEAR SNAPPED! ... HIS INSTINCT FOR SELF-PRESERVATION! SO MUCH DID HE HATE PETE DENVERS THAT THE HORSE RUNG IN FOR JERMINIE WAS SPOTTED THE MOMENT SHE STEPPED OUT OF THE PADDOCK!

THIS ISN'T JERMINIE! IT'S A RINGER... THE MOST MISERABLY EXECUTED RINGER I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE! WHERE'S JERMINIE'S OWNER?



THE DIRTY, DOUBLE-CROSSIN' WORM! HE BOTCHED THE JOB ON PURPOSE TO GET ME INTO TROUBLE!



YOU NEVER SAW ME BAWL OVER A DEAD COP, DID YOU?



TEDDY DOWNES DIED INSTANTLY! THE OFFICER WASN'T SERIOUSLY HURT! THE CAR GOT AS FAR AS THE CORNER LAMPPOST BEFORE TWO POLICE BULLETS CRASHED THROUGH PETE DENVER'S BRAIN! THE COLLISION KILLED HIS TWO COMPANIONS, SO YOU SEE - THE EVIDENCE LIES BEFORE YOU... DUMB-BELL MOBSTER, OR CLEVER TRICKSTER, THEY ALWAYS WIND UP THE SAME WAY... COULD REMBRANDT HAVE PAINTED A BETTER PICTURE OF THE FATE THAT BEFALLS ALL WHO DEFY THE LAW?



CRIME DOES NOT PAY!



ALL R-RIGHT! I-LL DO IT... DON'T HIT ME ANYMORE...



JERMINIE DOES IT AGAIN! SHE WINS IN A BREEZE... FIRST BY TEN LENGTHS!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE'RE GONNA PAY OFF THAT SQUEALER! WE'LL WAIT OUTSIDE THE D.A.'S OFFICE TILL THE BLEATIN' RAT COMES OUT!



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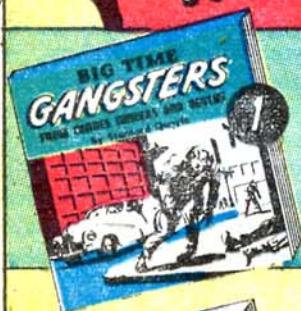


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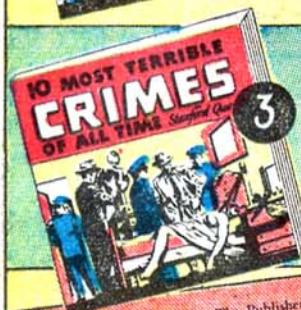
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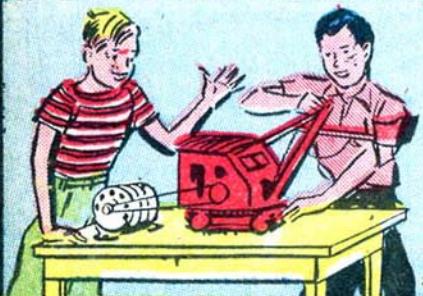
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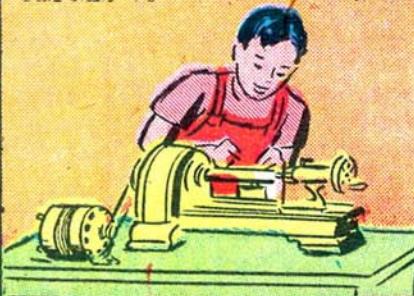
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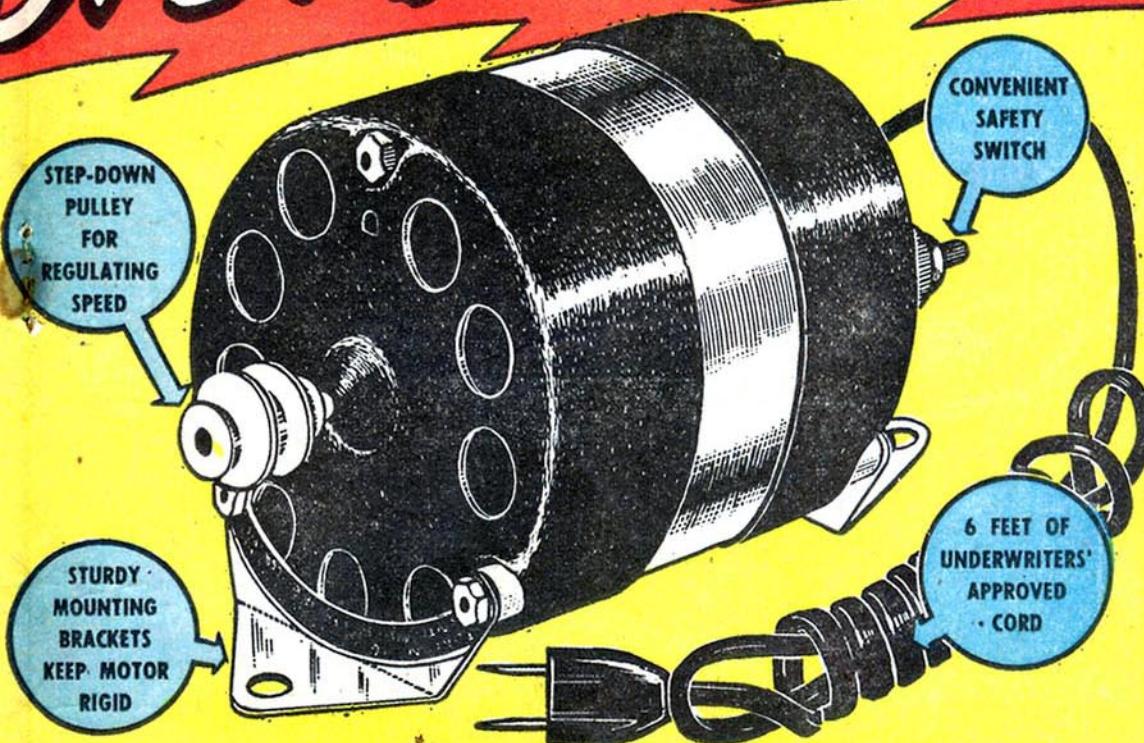
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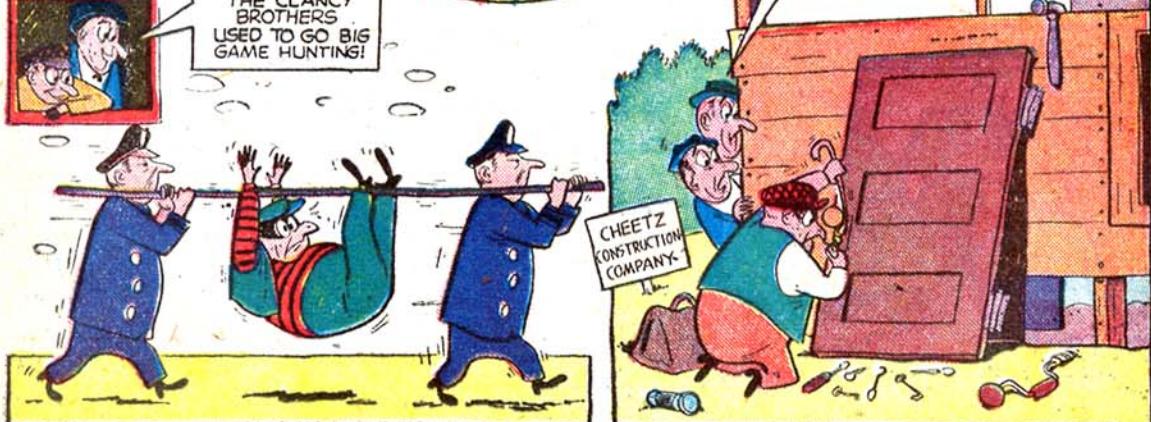
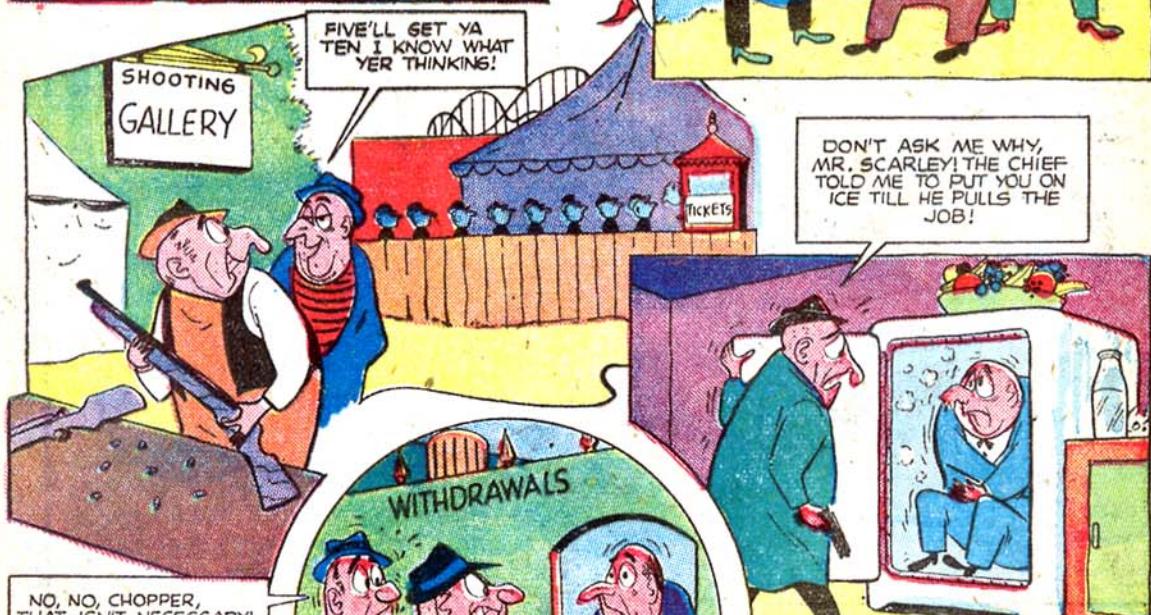
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# THUG UGLIES

-RAP-

BUT GOSH, BOSS! Y'SAID YA  
WANTED A HOOD WITH A RECORD!  
DIS GUYS GOT A WHOLE ALBUM!

HE WANTS T'KNOW  
IF YA GOT CHANGE  
FOR FIFTY!



DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION OF CRIME



# STEVE BRACY and AL MOSS

THEIR WILD SPREE OF KIDNAPPING AND  
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY NETTED THEM  
EARLY DEATH!

STEVE  
BRACY  
KILLED  
JUNE 17  
1946

AL  
MOSS  
KILLED  
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## THE HOSTAGES



SLOWLY, MADDENINGLY, THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK MOVED ON THROUGH THE NIGHT, TORTURING THE HOSTAGES... AT SIX O'CLOCK THE GUNMEN WOULD ACT...



## THE KIDNAPPERS



THE COP WHO GOT THE KIDNAPPERS!  
DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT WALTER HOFFMAN

STEVE BRACY AND AL MOSS WERE AFTER A BANKROLL — AND THEY WEREN'T GOING TO LET EVEN MURDER STAND IN THEIR WAY! THEY STOPPED AT NOTHING UNTIL THE COLD LEAD OF A HEROIC OFFICER ENDED THEIR SPREE!

IN HIS WEST COAST HOME, MARTIN DRISCOLL WAS READING THE EVENING PAPER ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 16, 1946, WHEN THE DOORBELL RANG!



ARE YOU THE  
MANAGER OF  
BENTLEY'S  
DEPARTMENT  
STORE?

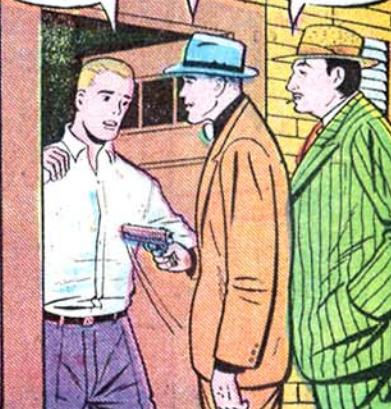
I'M THE  
PERSONNEL  
MANAGER, IF  
THAT'S WHAT YOU  
MEAN! WHAT CAN  
I DO FOR YOU?



HEY, WHAT'S  
THE IDEA?  
IT'S ALMOST  
MIDNIGHT!  
OH-OH!  
YOU'VE GOT  
A GUN!

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
MR.  
MANAGER!  
A  
GUN!

AND IF THAT  
GUN COULD  
TALK, IT'D  
SAY GET  
INSIDE AND  
BE QUICK  
ABOUT IT!



# OBEY THE LAW

JUST BE QUIET, DRISCOLLI. WE DON'T AIM TO HURT YOU UNLESS YOU MAKE A FUSSI! YOU DON'T LIKE TROUBLE IN YOUR STORE. WE DON'T LIKE TROUBLE IN OUR WORK! BE SMART AND THERE WON'T BE ANY!

OKAY, OKAY. JUST GO EASY WITH THAT GUN! IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, YOU CAME TO THE WRONG HOUSE, THOUGH...

NOPE, WE CAME TO THE RIGHT HOUSE, ONLY THE MONEY WE'RE AFTER ISN'T HERE!

NOW JUST COME ALONG QUIETLY! WE ARE GOING DOWN TO THE STORE AND YOU'RE GONNA OPEN THE SAFE FOR US!

BUT I DON'T HAVE THE KEYS TO GET IN! I'M ONLY THE PERSONNEL MANAGER! YOU GOT THE WRONG MAN!

BUT WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE COMBINATION TO THE SAFE! NOW STOP THE FUNNY BUSINESS AND GIVE IT TO US!

NO! YOU'LL NEVER GET IT FROM ME!

OH, NO! GO UP AND BRING DOWN HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER! HE'LL SEE IT OUR WAY IF WE WORK THEM OVER!



# OBEY THE LAW

THAT'S SOME STORE YOU RUN! NO ONE'S GOT THE KEYS TO IT NOW, WE'LL START ALL OVER AGAIN! I WANT THE KEYS, OR ELSE...

EVEN IF I DID HAVE THE KEYS TO LET YOU IN, IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD! IF ANYONE ENTERS THE STORE AT NIGHT, AN ALARM GOES OFF!

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT ABOUT THAT - SO WE'LL WAIT! WHAT TIME DOES THE STORE OPEN?

ABOUT SIX IN THE MORNING!

MEANIN' WE GOT MORE THAN FIVE HOURS TO WAIT! EVERYONE SIT AT THE TABLE OVER THERE - SO WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU!

MEANWHILE, MA'AM, THAT'S MIGHTY GOOD COFFEE I SMELL! TOTE OVER A FEW CUPS TO KEEP OUR MINDS ALERT!

HEY, YOU - WHAT ARE YOU REACHING FOR?



JUST MY PIPE! I ONLY WANTED TO SMOKE!

OKAY, GO AHEAD! ONLY DON'T MAKE ANY MORE OF THEM SUDDEN MOVES, PAL! IT AIN'T HEALTHY!

SUPPOSE THE COPS SHOULD SHOW UP?

DON'T BE NUTS! HOW COULD THEY GET TIPPED OFF? NOW RELAX AND STOP WORRYING!

IT'S ONLY ONE O'CLOCK! THIS TORTURE FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN DAYS!

AL, WE'RE GOING TO NEED ANOTHER HAND TO STAY OUTSIDE ON GUARD WHILE WE CRACK THAT SAFE! IT AIN'T AS IF WE WERE WORKING AT NIGHT! I'LL CALL JOE!

OKAY, HAVE HIM MEET US HERE! THEY'VE BEEN WHISPERING FOR TEN MINUTES! I'M AFRAID THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING DESPERATE!



HELLO, OPERATOR - KEEP RINGING THAT NUMBER! THE PARTY'S PROBABLY ASLEEP!

MAY I GET A GLASS OF WATER?

OKAY - BUT NO FUNNY BUSINESS!



# OBEY THE LAW



AFTER THE SCREAM FOR HELP, I HEARD A MAN SPEAK TO SOMEONE NAMED JOE IN ROOM 906 AT THE BRENTVILLE HOTEL! HE URGED JOE TO GET OVER TO 212 COLLINS LANE, IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON A BIG PAYROLL JOB THAT

WAS TO TAKE PLACE AT SIX O'CLOCK THIS MORNING!

SWELL, MISS! WE'LL GET RIGHT ON IT! THANKS!

MIKE, GET RIGHT OVER TO THE BRENTVILLE AND SEE THAT THIS GUY NAMED JOE DOESN'T LEAVE THE HOTEL! I'LL SEND SOME MEN OVER TO THAT COLLINS LANE ADDRESS!



THERE'S A LIGHT ON IN THERE! SOMEONE'S UP, ANYHOW!

SMITTY AND I'LL INVESTIGATE! YOU WAIT HERE IN THE CAR, BOB!



WHAT'S THAT? THE FRONT DOOR!

MAYBE IT'S JOE - AND MAYBE NOT! THE LIGHTS BEIN' ON AT THIS HOUR MIGHT HAVE ATTRACTED A COP! WE'LL HAVE TO ANSWER IT!



RIGHT! STAY PUT, FOLKS; UNLESS YOU'RE EAGER TO GO OUT OF HERE FEET FIRST!



# OBEY THE LAW



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IF THIS GUY'S LIKE HIS PALS, WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE SOME TROUBLE! YOU COVER ME, JACK! IF YOU HAVE TO SHOOT, AIM FOR HIS LEGS! WE WANT HIM ALIVE!

RIGHT, LIEUTENANT!



THAT WAS STEVE BRACY WHO CALLED - HE'S MY STEPBROTHER! HE'S BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH THE COPS EVER SINCE HE WAS A KID! BUT I DIDN'T THINK HE'D GO THIS FAR! HIS FRIEND WAS PROBABLY AL MOSS! THEY WANTED MY HUSBAND TO HELP THEM, BUT OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T! THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE NOW!

THAT'LL HELP! YOU'LL BOTH HAVE TO COME WITH US! PLEASE GET DRESSED!



LIEUTENANT, WE JUST GOT A FLASH- DRISCOLL'S CAR WAS FOUND ABANDONED AT 34<sup>th</sup> AND LAKE FRONT DRIVE!

34<sup>th</sup> AND LAKE FRONT! THAT'S ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM YOUR HOME IN THE SUBURBS, ISN'T IT, MRS. BARTON? ARE YOU HOLDING OUT ON US?

I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT THERE FOR A MONTH! WE'VE BEEN LIVING AT THE HOTEL!



IN A FEW MINUTES A FLEET OF CARS DREW SILENTLY UP TO THE LAKE FRONT HOME...

IT'S AWFULLY QUIET!

IT'S ALMOST TOO QUIET.. I DON'T LIKE IT!



# OBEY THE LAW

YES, I HAVE, FRANK! THE WINDOWS ON THE GROUND FLOOR ARE LOCKED! BUT I CAN CLIMB THAT DRAINPIPE TO THE TOP FLOOR, GET IN, AND EITHER TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE OR OPEN THE FRONT DOOR FOR THE BOYS, IF THEY'RE NOT THERE!

IT SOUNDS OKAY TO ME, BUT YOU'RE TAKING AN AWFUL CHANCE, LIEUTENANT!

I KNOW IT'S A GAMBLE, BUT IT'S BETTER TO RISK ONE LIFE THAN A DOZEN! HAVE THE REST OF THE MEN DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION, WHILE I GO IN!

OKAY! I DON'T THINK THEY KNOW THEY'RE SURROUNDED, BUT THEY MUST HAVE HEARD THE BELL, SO BE CAREFUL!

HE MADE IT! THE WINDOW IS OPEN!

LOOK! THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOW!

LOOK OUT, HE'S GOT A GUN!



MADE IT! NOW IF I CAN ONLY SURPRISE THOSE HOODS BEFORE THE FIREWORKS START!



GOOD WORK, LIEUTENANT - YOU GOT THEM BOTH!

THEY WERE SURE ASKING FOR IT!

YOU'RE WOUNDED!

I DIDN'T NOTICE... IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!



I GOT THEM WITH ONE SHOT APIECE! THEY FIRED A COUPLE FIRST, BUT ALL I GOT WAS THIS NEAR MISS! IT RUINED A GOOD SUIT, BUT I CAN'T COMPLAIN! MAYBE COPS HAVE SPECIAL ANGELS!

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT! SMITTY AND BOB GOT THREE SLUGS PUMPED INTO THEM APIECE BUT THEY'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW IN A MONTH! THOSE RATS TOOK ONE EACH AND THEY'RE DEAD! NO SIR, CRIME JUST DOESN'T PAY!



THE END

OBEY THE LAW

# SCIENCE VS THE CRIMINAL!

## BALLISTICS

BY CLAUDE H. MOORE

A SHAPELESS LEAD SLUG

TAKEN FROM A BODY PROVIDES THE POLICE WITH MUCH INFORMATION - FROM THE SLUG THEY CAN DETERMINE THE CALIBER OF THE BULLET, TYPE OF GUN, MAKE AND YEAR WHEN GUN WAS MANUFACTURED AND THEY CAN DEFINITELY PROVE THAT THE SLUG WAS OR WAS NOT FIRED FROM ANY GUN!

TEST BULLETS ARE FIRED FROM SUSPECTED GUNS

INTO A BOX OF COTTON WADDING - THE MARKINGS ON THE TEST BULLET ARE THEN COMPARED WITH THE FATAL BULLET - IF THEY MATCH, IT'S THE RIGHT GUN.

### THE HELIXOMETER

C.H. MOORE

A SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT, PERMITS DETAILED INSPECTION OF THE GUN BARREL... THE HOLLOW TUBE WHICH IS INSERTED IN THE GUN BARREL CONTAINS A TINY LIGHT AND MAGNIFYING LENSES, WHICH AID IN SEEING THE SLIGHTEST DETAIL IN THE LONGEST AND DARKEST GUN BARRELS MADE - THE INSTRUMENT ALSO MEASURES THE RIFLING, GIVING SUCH INFORMATION AS THE PITCH, NUMBER, AND DEPTH OF THE GROOVES AND LANDS IN THE BORE !

OTHER INFORMATION, SUCH AS THE PITTING, POWDER RESIDUE, RUST OR EROSION, ALL AID THE POLICE IN BRINGING THE CRIMINAL TO JUSTICE !

### THE COMPARISON MICROSCOPE

COMPARES THE TEST SLUG WITH THE FATAL SLUG - BY LOOKING INTO THE EYEPIECE, ONE HALF OF EACH SLUG CAN BE SEEN AND TURNED UNTIL THEY MATCH OR DON'T!

EACH GUN LEAVES ITS OWN TELL-TALE MARKINGS ON A SLUG AND NO TWO GUNS LEAVE THE SAME MARK!

HOW THEY MATCH UP!  
LOOKING INTO THE MICROSCOPE SHOWS TEST SLUG IN ONE HALF - FATAL SLUG IN OTHER

AN EXPERT MACHINIST - KNOWN TO HAVE KILLED HIS WIFE - PUZZLED THE POLICE FOR A TIME. SLUG TAKEN FROM THE BODY DID NOT MATCH WITH TEST SLUGS FROM HIS GUN - HOWEVER, AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION BY THE SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE MACHINIST HAD REBUILT THE GUN - USING PARTS OF OTHER GUNS AND RETOOLING SOME PARTS - HE FIGURED THAT THIS ALTERATION WOULD LEAVE POLICE WITHOUT A MURDER WEAPON AND THAT HIS ALIBI WOULD FREE HIM - BUT HE NEGLECTED TO ALTER THE FIRING PIN AND THAT LITTLE OVERSIGHT COST HIM HIS LIFE !

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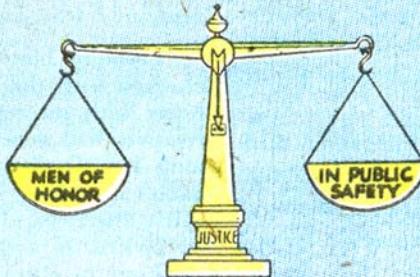
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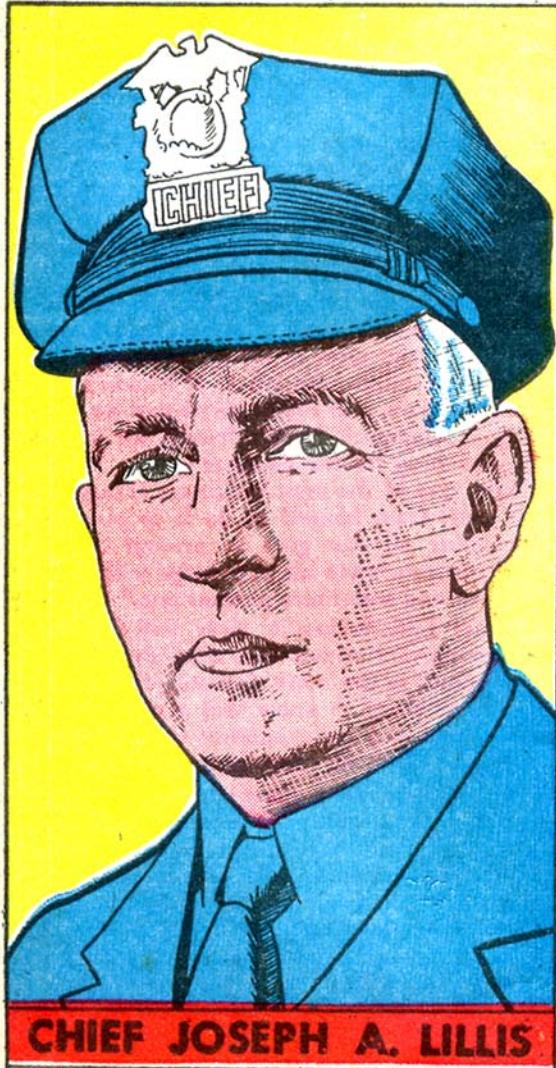
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# OUR POLICE HALL OF FAME



## CHIEF JOSEPH A. LILLIS PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK



**CHIEF JOSEPH A. LILLIS**

**A** NYONE interested in a pictorial history of the Peekskill, New York, police department need only step into the office of Police Chief Joseph A. Lillis. Lining the walls are photographs of the men who played an integral part down through the years in building one of the most efficient law enforcement organizations in the country. Their pictures present a striking contrast to those of today's force — the pride of Peekskill and the nemesis of those who turn to crime.

Each man on this team has been trained scientifically, according to Chief Lillis' tested methods. Lillis feels that police work is a profession which requires just as much education in human nature and understanding as do medicine and law. Chief Lillis puts it this way:

"No two persons are alike in every way. Knowing this, it is the problem and the duty of any intelligent officer of the law to handle each person differently, according to his individual personality."

The Chief adds that in small towns such as Peekskill—the policeman's job is sometimes difficult because, over a period of years, he gets to know the citizens personally. Efficient law enforcement *must* be handled with an eye to vigilance as well as friendship.

Chief Lillis, who looks about fifty, was born February 1, 1880. This gentleman with youthful appearance is the father of two married children, and is also a proud grandfather.

"A man is only as old as he feels," the Chief explains, "and I feel wonderful. There's no big

secret in feeling and keeping young. All you have to do is work hard, live a clean life, and try to help others."

The citizens of Peekskill readily add that Joe Lillis is one of the best friends a man could have. As for working hard . . . that is not new to the Chief.

When Joe was only a child, his father died and young Lillis had to support his family. Later, he was given a traveling assignment for the New York Evening Journal; after that, Lillis was employed by a railroad company for three years. But, from the day he left home, Lillis longed to return to Peekskill and the people he knew and loved.

After years of waiting, he was accepted on the police force as a rookie and from that point on, Joe Lillis came up the hard way.

Before his appointment, Lillis had had no schooling in police methods; it was necessary to get all his knowledge by what he calls "the best teacher in the world, experience." But, by following the precepts of the men who had served before him, and by using common sense, Joseph Lillis learned his lessons well. Soon he was leading a dangerous but highly gratifying life as a defender of the community.

Lillis was twenty-nine at the time of his appointment to the Peekskill police department. Twenty-six years later he was made Chief of a diligent, modern and efficient police force.

Contrary to what many believe, police work is not all glamour and gold braid. Much of it is routine, involving paper work, training and the like. Sometimes, however, routine is pushed aside when a frantic telephone call turns out to be a summons to a murder case.

From his files, Chief Lillis has selected one such murder case for review.

"Two men, close friends, entered a barroom one night. They'd been drinking heavily and quite suddenly what had been just another difference of opinion swelled into a violent argument.

"Suddenly one of them pulled out a gun and shot his one-time friend to death. When he realized what he had done, he fled from the barroom.

"Many people had witnessed the murder, but as is often the case, no one was able to give an accurate description of the man who had committed the crime. When I received pictures and a full description of the victim, I remembered having seen him several times before, usually in the company of another fellow about his age. We questioned the witnesses to the murder and

they agreed that the description of the victim's friend was that of the murderer. When I went to visit the suspect's home and found that he had mysteriously disappeared on the night of the murder, I was sure we were after the right man.

"Locating him was a difficult problem. We checked with the police of surrounding communities with no results. None of his friends or relatives had seen or heard from him. One evening I realized that there was one relative we hadn't checked: his brother-in-law, who lived across the river. I got a group of policemen and we picked up a launch to take us there. Upon reaching the other bank, we carefully approached the brother-in-law's home, which was not too far away.

"As we were inspecting the house I caught a glimpse of a man looking furtively out of a downstairs window. I suspected that he was our man. While the other men were searching the grounds I quietly entered the house and approached the room I felt was serving as the murderer's hide-out.

"Fortunately I took him completely by surprise. Before he could put up too great a struggle, I had him securely handcuffed. Within an hour he was in jail, ready to sign a full confession."

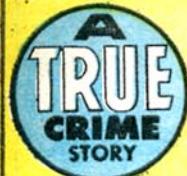
To some it might seem a simple matter to have caught this murderer. Actually, the case was a stiff one. "To begin with," Chief Lillis explained, "it is a generally accepted fact that the most difficult type of crime to solve is one in which the criminal has no apparent motive — jealousy or robbery, for example. This was just such a crime. We only knew that two men had quarreled bitterly, after drinking liquor, and one of them had stabbed the other. If I hadn't seen the victim before, and remembered that he was usually accompanied by his friend, we might still be searching for the criminal today. Without a doubt, one of the most important things an officer must train himself to do is to observe and remember all that goes on around him; he is never certain when his knowledge will help solve a crime and sometimes prevent one."

Chief Lillis makes it clear that he would rather prevent crimes than solve them. Preventing crimes is the more delicate job of the two. It is one thing to know that a crime has been committed and quite another to search for the potential cause of crime and eliminate it.

Crime prevention, along with solving the numberless other problems that can and do show up in any city, has been the work of the Peekskill Police Department. The citizens of Peekskill may truly take pride in this organization. Under the inspiring leadership of Chief Joseph A. Lillis, it has become a symbol of security, cooperation and friendliness.

**THE END**

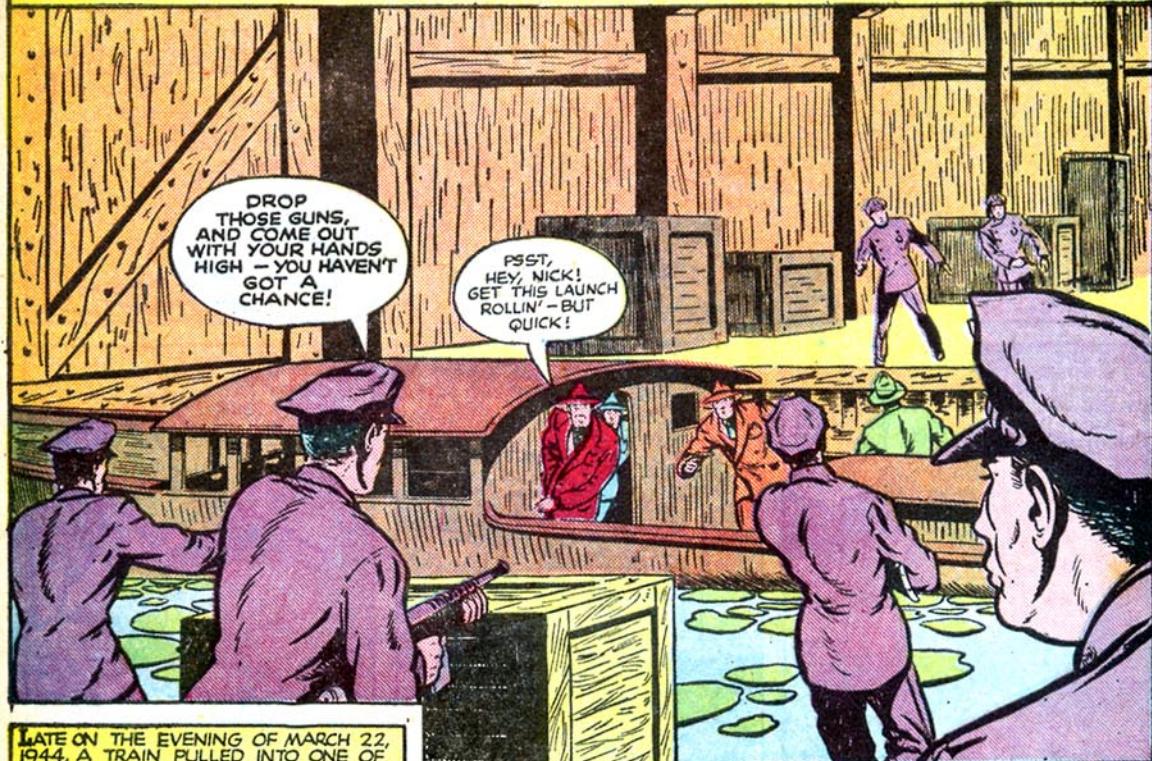
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I DON'T BLAME YOU! WITH ALL THESE MAIL ROBBERIES GOING ON! BEING A GUARD ISN'T THE HEALTHIEST JOB IN THE WORLD!



HERE THEY COME NOW! REMEMBER, NO SHOOTIN'! A SHOT WOULD WAKE UP THE WHOLE YARD! SLUG 'EM IF THEY WON'T COME ACROSS— GET THAT MAIL!

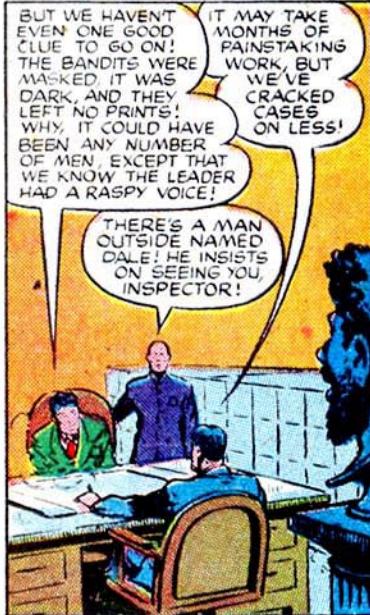
YOU DON'T NEED TO SHOW NO WORRY ABOUT US, CONLON! IF THEY SO MUCH AS OPEN THEIR MOUTHS, WE'LL PUT 'EM TO SLEEP!



# OBEY THE LAW



# OBEY THE LAW



# OBEY THE LAW

LOOK, DALE, YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE! ONE OF OUR MEN HAS BEEN KILLED, ANOTHER IS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH TWELVE STITCHES IN HIS SKULL, AND A LOT OF UNCLE SAM'S MONEY HAS BEEN STOLEN! YOU'D BETTER TALK AND SAVE YOURSELF SOME TROUBLE!

ULP! ALL RIGHT- I THINK IT WAS JAMES CONLON- YOU KNOW, THE BIG-SHOT GAMBLER FROM THE EAST!



I'M INSPECTOR DOUGLAS AND THIS IS LIEUTENANT EVERETT. IS MR. CONLON IN?

I'M MRS. CONLON, INSPECTOR! WON'T YOU COME IN? MY HUSBAND IS ON A TRIP BUT YOU MAY SPEAK TO HIS ASSOCIATES!



IT'S KIND OF HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A BIG-SHOT GAMBLER LIKE CONLON COULD BE SO BROKE WITH ALL THE DOUGH HE MUST'VE TAKEN IN!

CONLON'S BEING BROKE MAKES HIM A MORE LIKELY SUSPECT! BUT WHO EVER PULLED THIS JOB, DID AN EXPERT PIECE OF WORK AND CONLON NEVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE IN THIS LINE- HE'S

STRICTLY A RACKETS MAN! BEIDES, HE'S SO BROKE NOW HE'D BE BOUND TO SPEND THE DOUGH IF HE'D STOLEN IT, NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK! WE'D BETTER HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM, THOUGH!



JAMES CONLON! WHY EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE COUNTRY KNOWS THAT RACKETEER! HE'S CUNNING AND HAS POWERFUL CONNECTIONS- THE KIND NECESSARY TO PULL A JOB LIKE THIS! EVERY COP ON THE COAST IS JUST WAITING FOR HIM TO SLIP UP SO THEY CAN POUNCE ON HIM!

OKAY, MR. DALE- THANKS A LOT! YOU MAY GO NOW!



HELLO, ROLLINS? TAIL THAT MAN WHO JUST LEFT HERE!

CONLON, EH? NOW, WHY WOULD A GUY WITH HIS DOUGH STICK OUT HIS NECK BY PULLING A FEDERAL JOB? THAT TIP DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

MAYBE NOT, BUT IT'S OUR ONLY ONE! AND UNLESS MY MEMORY FAILS ME, CONLON HAS A RASPY VOICE! LET'S GO HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM!



MAIL ROBBERY! BOY, YOU'RE WAY OFF BASE ON THAT ONE, INSPECTOR! CONLON AND WE ARE SO BROKE, WE HAVEN'T GOT THE PRICE OF A HAIRCUT! HE'S EVEN STOPPED WORK ON HIS NEW HOME!



YES, INSPECTOR, CONLON'S MEN WERE TELLING YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT CONLON BEING BROKE! I HAPPEN TO KNOW HE'S SERIOUSLY WORRIED ABOUT A PAYMENT OF \$5,000 DUE NEXT WEEK ON THE HOME HE'S BUILDING! HE'S BEEN SPENDING MONEY LIKE WATER ON THAT PLACE!



ON CONLON'S RETURN FOUR DAYS LATER, DOUGLAS AND EVERETT PAY HIM A VISIT...

YOUR MEN HAVE NO DOUBT TOLD YOU TO BE EXPECTING US, CONLON!

YES, AND ALSO WHY- BUT YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME HERE! THE FIRST I HEARD OF THE ROBBERY WAS IN THE PAPERS THE NEXT MORNING!



# OBEY THE LAW

WHERE WERE YOU ON THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY, CONLON?

I WAS AT MY CLUB UNTIL AROUND MIDNIGHT! I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU THE NAMES OF SOME MEMBERS WHO'LL VERIFY THAT! SO YOU SEE, GENTLEMEN, I COULDN'T HAVE PULLED THE JOB!

LIEUTENANT EVER'S LOST NO TIME CHECKING ON CONLON'S ALIBI...

THAT CLEARS CONLON, BOB! I'VE CALLED EVERY MAN THAT CONLON SAID WAS AT THE CLUB AND THEY ALL SWEAR HE WAS THERE!

SOMEHOW, EVERYTHING SEEMS TOO PAT! HIS ALIBI IS TOO GOOD! I'M GOING TO KEEP THE BOYS ON HIS TAIL AWHILE LONGER! AND MEANWHILE, SOME OF THE STOLEN MONEY MAY SHOW UP!

INSPECTOR DOUGLAS, THIS IS AGENT MARX CALLING! CONLON'S SPENDING MONEY LIKE CRAZY! EVIDENTLY HE GOT THAT LOAN AND A SIZEABLE ONE AT THAT! NOT ONLY DID HE PAY OFF THE FIVE GRAND ON HIS PLACE, BUT HE JUST BOUGHT A COUPLE OF NEW CARS, TOO!

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, CONLON'S "ASSOCIATES" SEEMED TO BE IN THE CHIPS AGAIN!

\$125 APIECE? OKAY, I'M NO PIKER! MAKE ME UP ONE IN GREY, ONE IN BLUE AND ONE IN BROWN WITH A PIN STRIPE-SINGLE BUTTON DRAPE AND BUILD THOSE SHOULDERS UP!

THAT'S ONE OF CONLON'S BOYS—JEB CARTER! HE'S BEEN HERE AT THE GREEN ANGEL EVERY NIGHT FOR A WEEK, SPENDING LAVISHLY! YESTERDAY HE BOUGHT A NEW CAR!

NICE GOING, RED. BUT ALL THIS MEANS NOTHING UNLESS WE KNOW WHERE ALL THAT MONEY CAME FROM!

GOOD WORK, MARX—KEEP ON HIS TAIL!

YES, SIR! JUST AS YOU WISH!

EVER SINCE THAT GANG HAS COME BACK INTO FUNDS, EVERY PURCHASE THEY'VE MADE HAS BEEN PAID IN SMALL BILLS! WHY, JACK WINGATE EVEN PAID AN EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLAR LUMBER BILL IN SINGLES! THAT DOESN'T SMELL TOO GOOD FROM WHERE I SIT!

WE CAN CHECK WHEN THEY LEAVE THE STORE WHETHER OR NOT THE MONEY IS PART OF THE MAIL JOB! I PHONED JENNIS TO SET IT ASIDE, WHEN THEY MADE THE PURCHASE!

IT'S ALL NEW YORK AND CHICAGO FEDERAL RESERVE! THIS ISN'T PART OF THE LOOT AT ALL!

THIS MOB IS SHREWDER THAN WE THOUGHT! WE KNOW NOW THAT THE MONEY WON'T TURN UP FOR A LONG TIME! I THINK WHOEVER PULLED THE JOB HAS EXCHANGED THE HOT CURRENCY FOR FRESH MONEY!

SAY! REMEMBER CONLON TOOK A TRIP EAST RIGHT AFTER THE HOLDUP? THAT WOULD BE THE LOGICAL PLACE FOR HIM TO GO, TO EXCHANGE THE MONEY!

IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF WORK, BUT I THINK WE CAN TRACE HIS WHOLE TRIP SOMEHOW! AND WE CAN START WITH THE RAILROADS! I HAPPEN TO KNOW CONLON NEVER FLIES!

# OBEY THE LAW

NO GROUP OF INVESTIGATORS IS MORE CELEBRATED THAN THE U.S. POST OFFICE INSPECTORS FOR PATIENT, RELENTLESS WORK! THE TASK ON WHICH DOUGLAS AND EVERE'S WORKED WAS TEDIOUS AND TRYING! THEY BEGAN BY SPENDING A WEEK SEARCHING THOUSANDS OF RESERVATION SLIPS IN THE OFFICES OF EVERY NEARBY RAILROAD TERMINAL!

HERE IT IS, BOB! A PULLMAN BERTH TO NEW CITY THAT WAS RESERVED FOR AN E.C. DEVLIN! THAT'S ONE OF CONLON'S ALIASES!

AND HERE'S ANOTHER! IT LOOKS LIKE CONLON MADE MORE THAN ONE TRIP! NOW WE HAVE TO GO TO NEW CITY AND CHECK THE HOTELS TO SEE WHERE HE STAYED - AND WHOM HE CONTACTED!



WEEKS WERE SPENT ASSEMBLING AND SIFTING HUNDREDS OF FACTS AND RUMORS, CRACKING A THOUSAND AND ONE ODD BITS OF EVIDENCE! CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PICTURE WERE TAKING SHAPE!

THERE'S LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT IT! CONLON CAME TO NEW CITY, LOOKED UP SOME HOT-MONEY DEALERS AND PROBABLY SOLD THE ENTIRE AMOUNT TO THEM - AT A CONSIDERABLE DISCOUNT, OF COURSE!



IT WAS HERE THAT FATE INTERVENED TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE CASE... BACK ON THE PACIFIC COAST, ANOTHER PART OF THE DRAMA WAS UNFOLDING!

JIM! DON'T RUN SO FAR AHEAD!



YOU BET THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE! LOOK! IF THAT ISN'T A BULLET HOLE, I NEVER SAW ONE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! STAY HERE - I'M GOING TO CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE! THIS IS A CASE FOR THE POLICE!



THEY FOUND TWO WATCHES IN THE CLOTHING! AND BOTH STOPPED BETWEEN TEN AND ELEVEN!



THOSE MEN DID RIGHT IN CALLING US, BENSON! THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE MEN WHO WORE THESE CLOTHES WERE MURDERED - SHOT TO DEATH! THERE ARE FAINT TRACES OF BLOOD AND POWDER BURNS, DESPITE THE SOAKING THE GARMENTS GOT!



# OB E Y T H E L A W

THERE'RE PLENTY OF LAUNDRY MARKS TO TRACE THESE CLOTHES BY! AND THIS SUIT HAS A NAME IN IT—CLYDE STUART, ORIOLE HILL! WE'LL HEAD OVER THERE RIGHT AWAY!

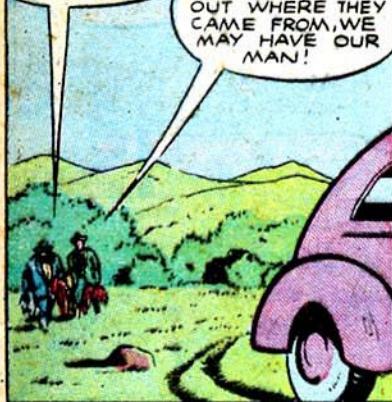
THOSE ODD STONES THEY USED TO WEIGHT THE CLOTHES DOWN WITH ARE NOT FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE! IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WE MAY HAVE OUR MAN!

I'M MRS. STUART, SHERIFF—YES, I CAN TELL YOU WHO THE MEN ARE THAT WERE WITH HIM: HIS BROTHERS, DEXTER AND BERT! THEY DROVE OVER TO PACIFIC CITY ON BUSINESS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND WE WERE EXPECTING THEM BACK LAST NIGHT, BUT APPARENTLY THEY STAYED OVER! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

YES, MRS. STUART! I BELIEVE YOUR HUSBAND MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED!

OH, NO, SHERIFF, NOT CLYDE! OH, NO!

WE'RE NOT SURE, BUT WE FOUND SOME BLOODSTAINED CLOTHING IN THE RIVER! YOUR HUSBAND'S NAME WAS ON A CLEANING MARK ON ONE OF THE SUITS, WHICH WE HAVE IN THE CAR! WILL YOU IDENTIFY IT?



YES, THAT'S CLYDE'S SUIT—AND THAT OTHER CLOTHING BELONGS TO HIS BROTHERS! OH, NO, IT CAN'T BE... THEY CAN'T BE DEAD!

WE DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE, MRS. STUART! TELL ME, DO YOU KNOW WHOM THEY WENT TO SEE IN PACIFIC CITY?

I WARNED THEM THEY WERE PLAYING WITH FIRE! BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME! ALL RIGHT! I'LL TELL YOU! THEY WENT TO SEE SPEED CONLON! HE HAS OWED THEM MONEY FOR A LONG TIME AND HAS BEEN STALLING THEM FOR MONTHS!

CONLON, EH? BENSON, GET ON THE PHONE AND CONTACT THOSE TWO POSTAL INSPECTORS! TELL THEM WE'LL MEET THEM IN AN HOUR AT MY OFFICE! THEY'LL BE INTERESTED IN THIS!



THIS IS INSPECTOR DOUGLAS AND LIEUTENANT EVERETT, MRS. STUART! TELL THEM EXACTLY WHAT YOU TOLD US! CLYDE TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS BROTHERS PULLED THAT MAIL ROBBERY IN MARCH WITH A MAN NAMED JAMES CONLON! HE WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY THEM OFF, BUT HE KEPT STALLING THEM—IT WASN'T UNTIL YESTERDAY THAT HE AGREED TO GIVE THEM THE MONEY!



THAT'S IT—THE MISSING LINK THAT TIES CONLON TO THIS MURDER AND ROBBERY!

SHERIFF, WE'D LIKE TO USE YOUR PHONE! WE'VE GOT TO GET A POSSE TOGETHER TO RAID THE CONLON ESTATE! THEN WE'LL HAVE THAT MURDERING RACKETEER WHERE WE WANT HIM!

THREE HOURS LATER! THE HALF HOUR'S UP! THAT MEANS THE OTHER TWO RAIDING SQUADS ARE MOVING INTO POSITION AROUND THE ESTATE!

OKAY BOYS—START ROLLING!

# OBEY THE LAW

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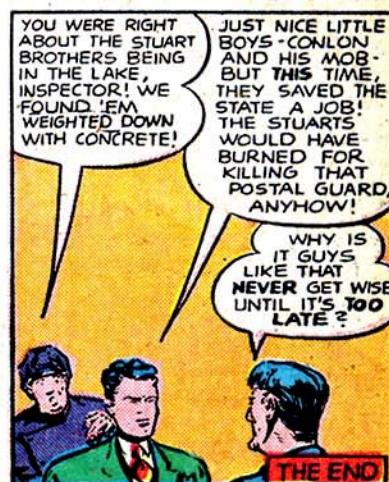
I DIDN'T FIGGER THEY'D CLOSE IN ON US SO SOON-BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!

IT'S THE HOT SEAT FOR US, CONLON, IF WE GIVE UP! THOSE BULLS HAVE THE GOODS ON US OR THEY'D NEVER COME AFTER US LIKE THIS!

LEFTY, THROW THE SWITCH THAT SHUTS THE STEEL DOOR! WE'LL BEAT IT IN THE SPEED BOAT!

THE BOYS ARE ALL HEADIN' FOR THE CELLAR BOATHOUSE, CONLON! WON'T THE COPPERS GET A SURPRISE WHEN WE ZOOM OUT FROM UNDER THEIR NOSES AN' GET TO THE PLANE YOU GOT HID ACROSS THE LAKE?

WHY DO YOU THINK I BUILT THIS HOUSE? FOR SHOW? EVERYTHING I DO IS SMART! WHILE THEY'RE SHOOTIN' UP THE JOINT, WE'LL BE A HUNDRED MILES AWAY!



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Dear Reader:

In every issue of CRIME AND PUNISHMENT this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, we have been guided by two ideals —first, the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

"Crime and Punishment" is tops on my magazine list. My entire family read it and all Charles Biro's other books. I intend to be a teacher some day and I want to teach my pupils to hate crime and be good American citizens. I am trying to set a good example for my younger brothers by having them also read "Crime and Punishment" to prove to them that crime does not pay.

Christina Pepper

58 North 4th St., Paterson, N. J.

My husband and I like to read the true stories in "Crime and Punishment." I also enjoy the "On The Level" page. "Crime and Punishment" emphatically shows how a life of crime always catches up with a person. Thanks for a truly fine magazine.

Mrs. J. Husar

235 N. Bass, Kewanee, Illinois

Before becoming acquainted with "Crime and Punishment" I wanted to be a criminal. Now that I've read your fine magazine I want to be a policeman and help enforce the law. Thanks!

Your faithful reader,

H. K., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Paul Katz

801 Avenue N, Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

Your magazine "Crime and Punishment" is truly a force for good in the community. I read your comics steadily and also distribute them to my school mates. I plan to be a detective some day, and think your magazine is a good textbook.

A thankful fan,

Gene Vandeville

P. O. Box 1950, Berea College, Berea, Ky.

I always buy your book "Crime and Punishment." My brothers are fans too. My older brother says it teaches everyone not to steal and he points out the lessons to be learned from "Crime and Punishment" to my younger brother.

Lupe Rodriguez

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My parents enjoy your magazine "Crime and Punishment" as much as I do. One of my friends, who was slowly following the road that leads to crime, changed his way of living, and got a job, after reading some of your issues. I congratulate you on such a wonderful book. Keep up the good work.

Billy Foster

General Delivery, Shaw, Mississippi

I find your "Crime and Punishment" very educational and my mother also adores the magazine. She says that its stories have a good effect on my brothers and sisters, too. I am sure that many people who read this magazine will be saved from a life of ruin when they see the tragic end that all criminals meet.

Dorothy M. Brinkley

R. I. Box 84, Lynnhaven, Va.

I am a constant reader of your magazine "Crime and Punishment." Both my family and I read and enjoy it regularly. Dad says it teaches us right from wrong.

David McCarthy

3031 W. Octagon Rd., Camden, N. J.

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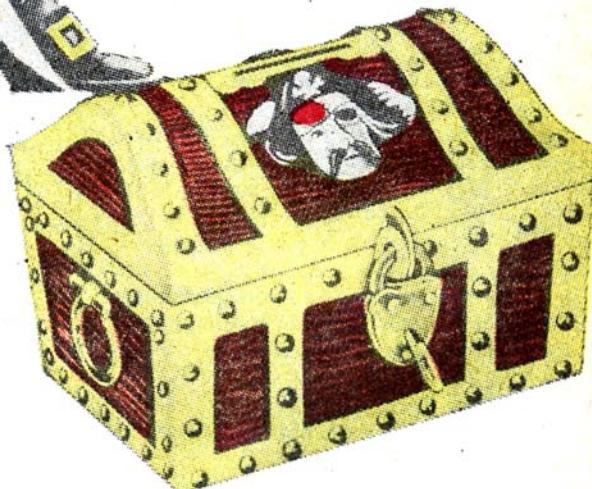
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